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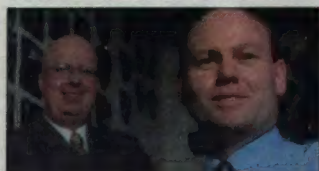
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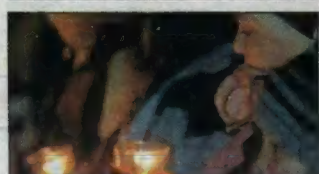
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Archie Stouffer Elementary School's Co-Prime Minister Kaitlin Allore and Principal Rick Thorne sit with cream on their faces after being "pied." The occasion was the students' reward for raising an unprecedented \$28,067 in a magazine sales fundraiser for the school. Co-Prime Minister J.J. Kerr also got a pie in the face. See story on page three. Photo by Darren Lum.

Former reeve receives special honour

Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation bestows Ross Rigney with President's Award

by **BYRN WEESE**
Times staff

"We're not in there for headlines," says former Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney. "We're not in there for anything that we can get out of it. We're there because we believe in his reason for being there; that is, to provide for the people of the high Himalayas."

In one form or another, Rigney's involvement with the Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation of Canada has been an ongoing relationship for 32 years. In fact, Rigney has been involved since the foundation's inception in 1974, first as a volunteer, then as a director and now as a member. Rigney's efforts for the foundation made him the recipient of the Foundation's President Award, received recently in Toronto.

Only 11 President's Awards have been given in the Canadian Foundation's 32-year history. Rigney can now consider himself a prestigious member.

"I certainly didn't see myself to be qualified as a winner," Rigney says modestly while sitting in his living room looking out towards Canning Lake. "I felt that I didn't deserve it but I was pleasantly surprised."

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Pssst: hey lady, wanna buy a mag?

Archie Stouffer students' hard work selling magazine subscriptions earns their principal a pie in the face

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

No aptitude tests are needed for the senior students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. It appears they are all very competent magazine sales people already.

ASES celebrated their successful fundraising campaign with an assembly on Friday. Not only were students congratulated for their hard work, but the proverbial icing on the cake was the pieing of Principal Rick

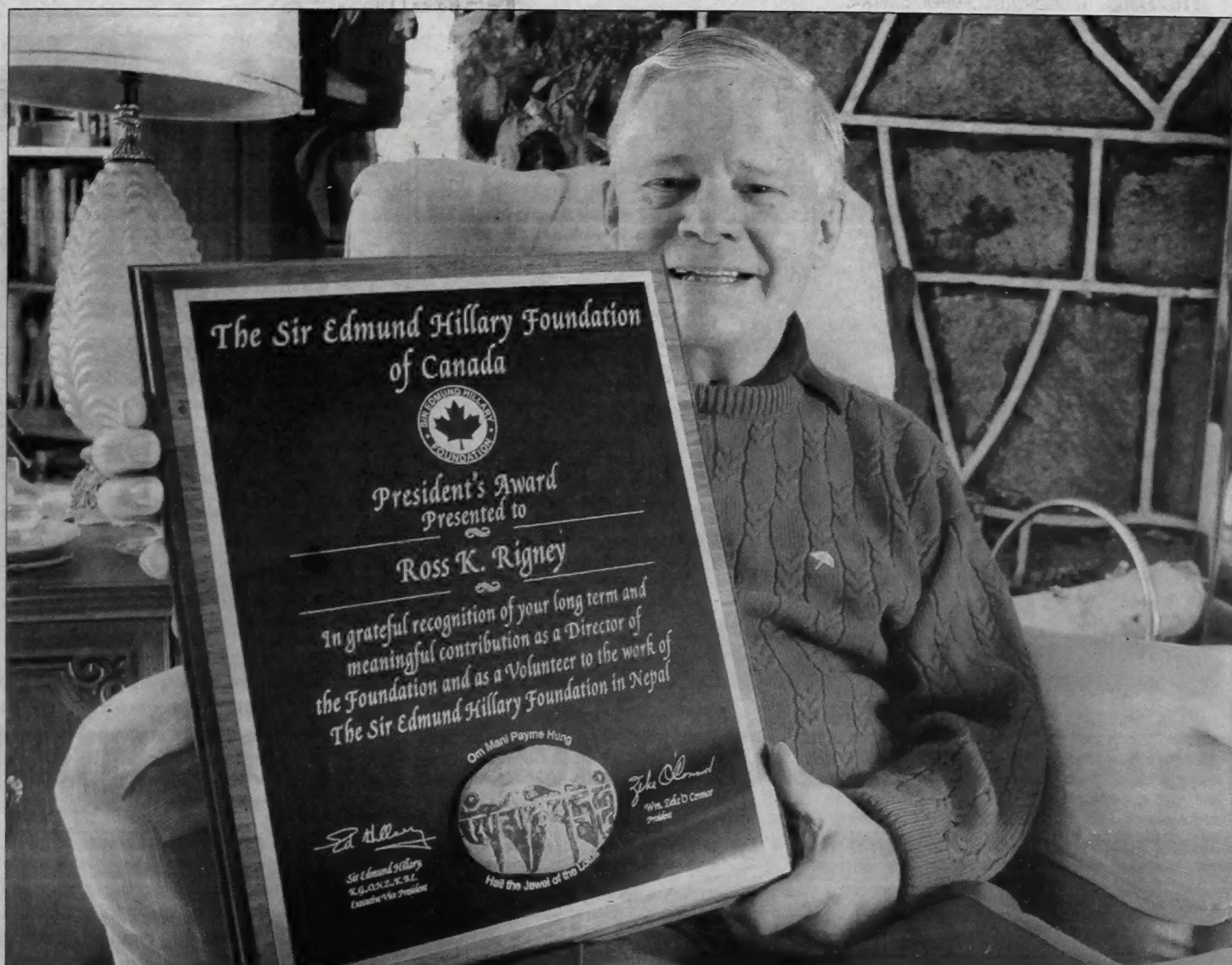


Thorne by top seller Kaili Schell. During the magazine subscription sale campaign which ran from October 3 until November 11 the selling grades — 6, 7 and 8 — raised an impressive \$28,067.17, exceeding their pre-sale goal of \$26,000. Last year, ASES students fell just short of their pre-sale goal of \$25,000.

This year, being the 20th in which ASES has sold magazine subscriptions to raise funds for the school, it was only fitting that it be their most successful. Teacher and program co-ordinator Kathy Adams was pleased by the students' fundraising efforts, especially since, as she notes, other schools in the board had shown signs of decreasing sales.

The magazine subscriptions are sold through Quality Service Program Inc., a company that organizes fundraisers with either chocolate or magazine sales. Of the funds raised, two-thirds are returned to Quality Service Program principally to pay for the magazines themselves. The other third is returned to the school. As Adams has said, the funds have traditionally been used in conjunction with other fundraising monies for programs such as the student organizers and day planners and could be used for such things as new playground equipment.

Of the ASES students who participated in the program, three stood out and were celebrated as the top three sellers: Kaili Schell, Kelsey Crowe and Loretta Kerr. Classes, too, were awarded prizes for being top sellers. Mrs. Adams' class 8A sold the most subscriptions, followed by Ms. Bloomfield's 8B and Mrs. Hagerman's 6B. The top-selling class received a \$75 bonus to spend as they wished. \$50 was given to the second-best class and \$25 to the third-best.



Former Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney holds the plaque commemorating his Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation of Canada's President's Award. Photo by Bryn Weese.

Rigney may bring Peter Hillary to speak in the Minden area

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"It's with Ed's blessing," he adds. "I know that he is very pleased."

Rigney is speaking of Sir Edmund Hillary, of course, the first man to reach the summit of Mount Everest. Hillary's formidable task, done with the help of his Sherpa guide, Tenzing Norgay, gave him the notoriety necessary to devote the rest of his life to helping the people of Nepal and the area that lay at the base of the mountain.

"He's committed his life to those people," says Rigney who personally knows Hillary from his work with the foundation.

Rigney's award was presented in early November at the foundation's annual fundraising dinner and auction held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. While Sir Edmund, now in his late 80s, was unable to present the award himself, Peter Hillary, his son, made the presentation to Rigney.

The award itself was created to "gratefully recognize and honour a person or persons who, over a long period of years, has supported and made a meaningful contribution to the work in Nepal of The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation of

Canada."

For most of his active service, Rigney was a key member of the foundation as fundraiser.

"I once told Ed, you're good at the mountain side, I'll get the money," Rigney laughs.

And get money is exactly what he did. Rigney was involved in organizing fundraising events in Ontario. Because of his efforts and the efforts of the foundation as a whole, the Canadian foundation raises more money than any other foundation worldwide, and that includes two foundations in the United States as well as Britain and Germany. Not on a per capita basis either, but in actual dollars.

Although Rigney helped to raise an incalculable amount of money for the foundation and the people in Nepal, his most memorable experience with the foundation came in 1995 when Rigney organized a visit by Sir Edmund himself to Minden and Haliburton.

"That was the most satisfying thing because I was able to do something for our community here," says Rigney. "It was so good for the community," he adds, "because they never thought they would ever have someone of that personage visit

a small town like Minden.

"Now, there was a living legend that they'd read about, in their building."

Back in Toronto, at the foundation's head office, the focus is on health, education and conservation in Nepal, particularly in the region near the Himalayas. The Canadian Foundation has invested most of their funds into the Khunde Hospital in the Himalayas where the supplying of doctors and the paying of the bills is, still today, the exclusive responsibility of the Hillary Foundation of Canada.

The foundation has also invested in the Nepalese infrastructure, making access to schools and hospitals easier, as well as environmental conservation through sound forestry practices. This is so especially in the Sagarmatha National Park where, since 1981, the Canadian Foundation has been busy replanting trees that had been cut for burning while educating those in the industry about sustainability.

"I was always invited by Ed to go over to Nepal and see what we were doing," Rigney says. "I said 'No Ed, I'll let you do that,'" he laughs. "He just needed some foot soldiers here in Canada."

Receiving a prestigious award for years of service would, for some, make a happy ending to a career of charitable service. Rigney, however, is still game for at least one more event.

"We are actually in a position now to bring Peter [Sir Edmund's son] back here," says Rigney. "I'll wait until after Christmas to see if there is the interest level."

"To me," he continues, "Peter has as much of a message as his father. Peter has climbed the mountain two or three times," Rigney says. "He is doing everything that his dad did, the difference is Sir Ed is Sir Ed and Peter is Peter."

"If the people here were interested, I'd try to bring him here."

Councillor's position clarified

Last week the *Times* reported that Minden Hills Councillor Peter Oyler "wanted to increase council salaries following elections next year." This incorrectly reflected Councillor Oyler's position.

As stated later on in the story, Oyler believes that this current council should set the wages now for the next council, which will take office following an election next November.

He does not believe that this council should set its own salaries, nor does he

support leaving the next incoming council to set its own salaries. Oyler, along with Reeve Jim McMahon, Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Ron Buchanan, voted in favour of a resolution to increase the next council's salaries to the rate offered by Algonquin Highlands. Councillors Ingram Wessell and Clayton Cameron voted against the resolution.

Each Minden Hills councillor will continue to receive an additional \$100 for each special meeting attended.



Pauline Johnson and Carol Simmons organized the "I Remember When..." evening to collect stories and memories for the museum's annual summer publication. In a round table format, several individuals gathered to tell their stories and to share their past. The event was organized as part of the Writer-in-Residence program at the Minden Library. Photo by Bryn Weese.

Give 'em a chance and a tape recorder

'I remember when' evening conjures up stories for museum publication

by **BRYN WEESE**
Times staff

If given the chance and a tape recorder to remember the past, what would come flowing out?

For a group that gathered at the Minden Cultural Centre recently, the memories were a myriad of mixed emotions.

Discussions ranged from television to teaching, from the travels of immigrants to the dealing of death among children. The stories themselves were sometimes humor-

ous, sometimes solemn, sometimes serious but always sincere.

Pauline Johnson, the writer in residence at the Minden Hills library, organized the "I remember when..." evening in conjunction with the Minden museum for its annual publication which is produced by the summer students who work at the museum.

Carol Simmons, the curator of the museum, and Johnson hosted a group of eight eager storytellers to revel in days gone by, both in the Highlands and elsewhere.

"You don't have to be from the Highlands for this book," said Simmons. "We have a lot of people without any roots in the Highlands who are living with us now."

Their childhood in Toronto is just as important."

Indeed, many of the memories conjured up at the Cultural Centre were not from the Highlands.

Teaching in Toronto, growing up in PEI and expulsion from school in Coboconk are just a handful of the stories that will

find their way into the museum's publication. And it does not end with the recent evening in Minden.

Both Johnson and Simmons would like to collect more stories about anything and everything from all walks of life until the publication is released, it's hoped, in early June.

To send in a memory or two, either mail it to the Minden Hills County Town Museum, Box 69, Minden Ontario, K0M 2K0 or e-mail it to museum@minden.on.ca.

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Thank you for your support and have a safe and Merry Holiday Season.

Oxtongue centre on solid ground

Community centre has a new committee on Algonquin Highlands Council

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

The following are brief notes from the Algonquin Highlands council meeting held Thursday, December 1 in council chambers.

Oxtongue Community Centre

Back from the brink and a slow social agenda, the Oxtongue Community Centre is on solid ground with the appointment of a new committee of council.

Betty Tait, one of the volunteers responsible for the new future of the Community Centre and a new member of the committee, was present at the council meeting.

She informed council that she has been trying to host activities and events at the centre but that she has been unsuccessful because of a lack of supplies such as furniture, and the fact that the centre's utilities are not operating.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that about a year ago a motion was passed to close the centre in the winter.

"If we can try to get the use back in there, that's great," said Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner. "We have to decide how we're going to operate it first."

Council was strongly in favour of appointing the new committee to ensure that the centre is used often, and not only for liability reasons. Closer alignment with council will give the Oxtongue Community Centre committee access to council's resources.

"I think there needs to be a meeting as soon as possible with a wish list and some prices," said Harrison. "There is certainly no reason you can't have a recreation budget to get you started."

Councillor Diane Griffin will sit on the committee as council's representative.

Hazardous Waste Days

Algonquin Highlands is keen to hold five half days for hazardous waste collection. They will coincide with Minden Hills' five

collection half days, to be held during the long weekends in May, July, August, September and October.

In order to reach all corners of the municipality, the half days will be held throughout Algonquin Highlands. The first, during the Victoria Day weekend, will be at the Maple Lake landfill site. The second, Canada Day weekend, will be at the Dorset landfill site. During the August long weekend, Oxtongue Lake landfill site will host the half day collection. Dorset will again have a half day of collection during the Labour Day weekend and the Maple Lake landfill site will host the final half day during Thanksgiving.

Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone told council that, while one half day costs \$750 if done in conjunction with Minden Hills, the total cost depends on the amount of waste collected. Last year, Algonquin Highlands paid upwards of \$11,000 for the hazardous waste day and disposal of the material.

While it is hoped that this year's cost will be less than last year, Whetstone said it would all depend on the amount of waste collected.

"If that happens, it's hard to budget for," said Harrison. "But it's telling us that it's not going into the landfills."

Oxtongue Lake Landfill Site

There will be no more burning allowed at the Oxtongue Lake landfill site because of a newly re-issued certificate of approval from the Ministry of Environment.

Because of the burn ban, council discussed disposal of the clean brush and clean lumber (untreated) that the landfill has been accepting and burning.

The materials are not suitable to be buried because lumber and brush would fill up the landfill site's capacity too quickly. Council discussed the possibility of not accepting the materials any more.

"I'd prefer not to take it but what are people supposed to do with it?" Harrison said.



A Legion lunch

In honour of Year of the Veteran, county council invited members of the four Legion branches in the county to a lunch. Elois Somerville, president of the Wilberforce Legion's Ladies Auxiliary, and Minden Legion President Georgina Parkes, were two of the Legionnaires who enjoyed the beef stew lunch. Photo by Martha Perkins.

Councillor Griffin noted that alternatives must be reviewed before the burnable materials are no longer accepted at the landfill.

Whetstone is to look into the cost and feasibility of alternatives such as shredding for a later meeting of council.

At present, the landfill will continue to accept the materials, without burning them, until a solution is found. It is anticipated that not a lot of brush and lumber will be brought to the landfills during the winter months.

Mitch O'Grady, assistant bylaw officer responsible for enforcing mandatory recycling, is hoping to have a meeting with the township's landfill contractors and staff to improve enforcement of the mandatory recycling bylaw.

Not only do municipality officials want to encourage greater adherence to the bylaw, they also want to discuss what information the bylaw officer needs to lay

charges against those who include recyclable materials in their household waste bags.

Water Trails Reservation System

Mark Coleman, Haliburton Highlands Water Trails co-ordinator, presented the latest information regarding the reservation system of the campsites. Starting in May of 2006, all campsites in the Water Trails system will be available only by reservation, as with other parks in the province.

The reservation system has been contracted for a period of five years to Camis Accommodating Solutions.

Coleman told council that Camis will have the Internet booking system up and running by early June. By April 28, the phone and in-office reservation system will be operational.

Originally, it was hoped that the reservation system would be fully operational by February or March.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The kids are alright

In this week's *Times*, there is ample evidence to suggest that the children of Minden are well on their way to becoming a fine crop of successful, productive individuals.

For starters, Archie Stouffer's grade 6, 7 and 8 students proved themselves recently as very competent fundraisers, not to mention responsible and mature students who have shown a great interest in the financial well-being of their school. Cumulatively, they raised over \$7,000 for their school to be used for such programs as the popular day planners and student agendas.

While some students exhibited sales savvy in the magazine subscription campaign, others displayed their creative talents in the Legion's Remembrance art and literary contest. A whopping number of students participated and many were rewarded for their creative expressions.

Likewise, five different classes at Archie Stouffer participated in the Hike Haliburton School Challenge. Four of the five classes trekked over 200 kilometres during the contest, winning them all a smelly sneaker award from the Health Unit.

While it is remarkably refreshing to see how many students took part in all of the activities that took place at Archie Stouffer this fall, it is particularly impressive to see the same names listed time and time again.

Too often, it is charged that the creativity, initiative and physical well-being of today's youth has been corrupted and robbed by television, computers and gaming systems. While this is certainly true for many youth today, undoubtedly some youth even at Archie Stouffer, it is equally important to take note of those students and children who do manage to juggle the travails of growing up with enjoying all that new and exciting technology has to offer.

There is nothing wrong with being a kid, playing computer games and listening to music, either alone or with friends. There is only a problem if those types of solitary sedentary activities become all-consuming and interfere with school work and other social activities that children should enjoy.

Society, too, is to blame in many respects for the degradation and dysfunction of today's youth. The movies that are made, with our money and approval, would have child psychologists of days gone by spinning in their graves. So too would the violence in today's video games and in the lyrics of modern music.

As responsible citizens who have a vested interest in the outcome of future generations, the blame cannot land squarely on the shoulders of parents. Communities such as ours have a responsibility to make our town as safe and positive as possible.

Kudos should go to the various organizations in the community who have worked hard to foster the creative and physical talents of our youth. The Legion, Trails and Tours, the Health Unit and the school itself should be commended for their positive work with Minden's youth.

The youth of small towns often suffer the perils of "nowhere to go and nothing to do." Unfortunately, some people, perhaps mainly teenagers, still feel this way. For lack of anything better to do, they hang out on the main street or loiter outside Tim Hortons despite the weather.

How and if anything can be done to provide Minden's teens with positive activities is questionable. But, with the good start students at Archie Stouffer are getting, rest assured that their future looks bright.

— Bryn Weese

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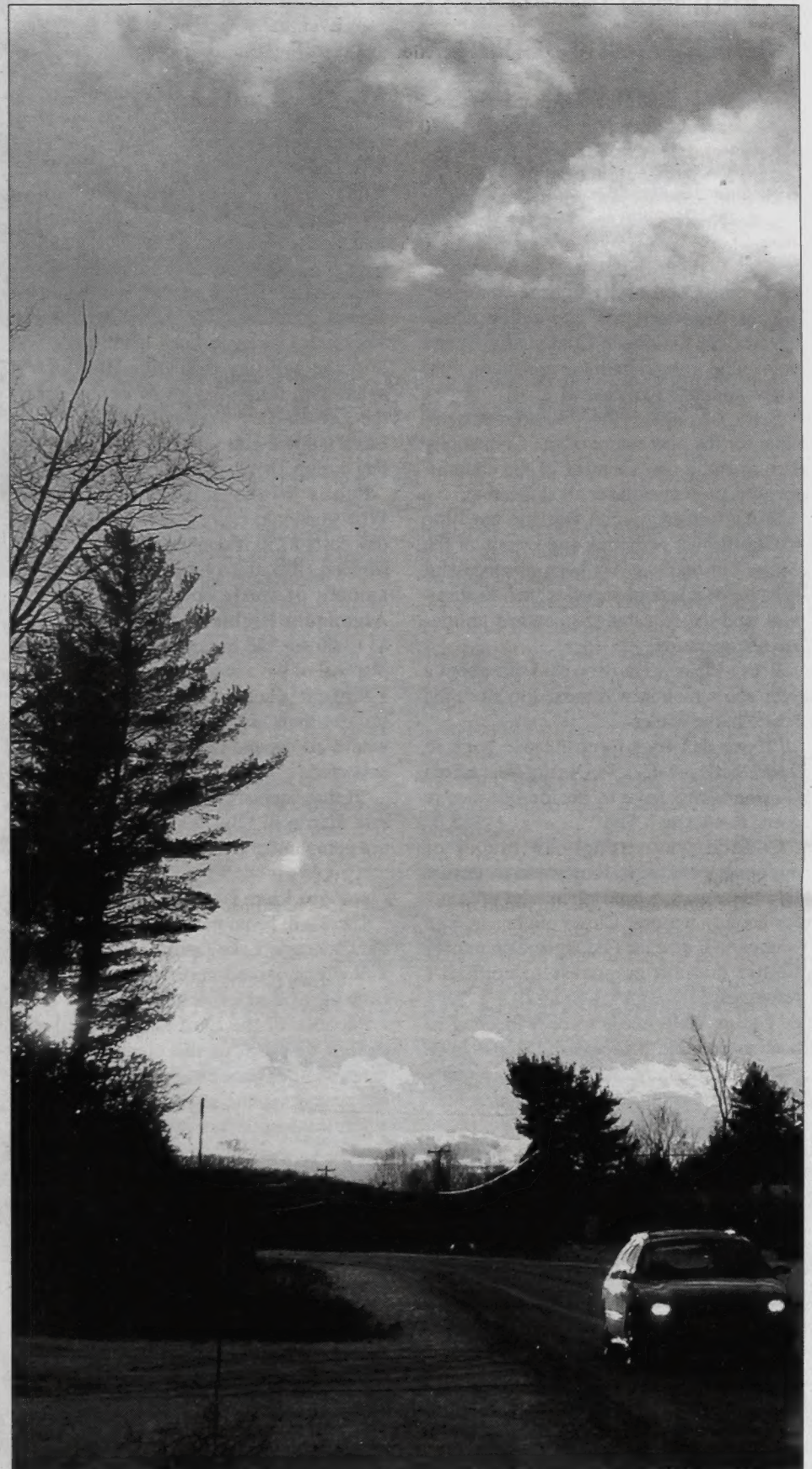
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Trees towering over a snowy winter road

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Terry Fox's brother thanks Archie Stouffer

The following letter was first sent to
Diane Peacock of Lochlin

Dear staff and students of Archie Stouffer
Elementary school:

It is truly an honour and gift to write to
your acknowledging your efforts raising
money in Terry's name to reduce the suf-

fering that cancer causes.

I was amazed to hear that your school has
raised over \$8,100 for cancer research in
your first Terry Fox Run. I also under-
stand that one of your students, Dawson
Hamilton, who was diagnosed with
leukemia in May, has provided consider-
able inspiration to you. I am sure Dawson

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Winds of Change

Finally, here's some good news just in time for Christmas. Actually it's great news, especially if you happen to be a smoker who raises cattle. That's right, scientists have finally found a way to reduce methane emissions from livestock by as much as 70 per cent. This means that, in our lifetime, cow farts just might be a thing of the past.

I know it's exciting but, as we stand here on the precipice of this historic event, I don't think anyone would begrudge me a little nostalgia, a chance to wax eloquently and reminisce on that which we are about to lose. Before it becomes too fashionable, I mean.

Ah, where does the poet start? How do you speak of something with such a colourful and torrid past? How does a mere mortal describe the essence of the wind?

Man has heeded the siren call of cow flatulence ever since we first chased the great wild herds across the endless

plains. It's how we knew that we were behind them in the fog.

Eventually, we tamed the beast. Well, at least at one end.

But wild and free as that flatulence remains, I'd also like to think that in its own humble way it has served us well, maybe even taught us a thing or two. I can't help wonder, for example, if it was the inspiration behind the blow dryer?

And I can only guess at what those first herdsmen must have thought when they discovered that it kept you toasty warm even on the coldest winter's day. Heck, I even wonder what their wives thought when they returned home in the spring?

And what of that first pioneer who tied his team of gassy oxen to a sleigh on an icy lake one starry winter's

evening long ago? When he sat behind them and lit his pipe, did he know that his invention would one day take a man to the moon? I think not.

These fair rural winds might have driven windmills and flown the kites of very short farmers. Who can say if the timeless art of pulling dad's finger didn't first have its roots in kids yanking on the tails of their cattle? If so, we owe these beasts a lofty debt of cultural gratitude. One, I think, that we can never fully repay.

But soon, the low rumble emanating from the beasts of the fields will be a thing of the past. No longer will the farmer look to the back of the cow on a cold winter's day to determine wind direction. Instead, he will turn to the cold, lifeless metal of the weathervane. Yea, verily, never was

a wind so fair and yet so foul.

They say the 14 per cent of the world's greenhouse gas comes from bovine flatulence. This then is science that we can all safely stand behind. For when we eliminate flatulence, the theory says, it will make a significant difference.

For now, we must content ourselves with the fact that cows still fart as God intended. He gave them this gift for the same reason he gave it to every other living creature - so that you could find them in the bath.

But savour it while you can my friends for it will soon be gone.

In return, global warming might stabilize and the world, less fragrant though it be, might be saved. But, I wouldn't feel good about myself as a humour columnist, if I didn't pose the hard question. At what cost?

The answer, my friends, is blowing in the wind, the answer is blowing in the wind.



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Steve Galea

Charity Checklist

The last time I checked with Lynn Davis, there were eight throwaways living at the Lochlin Animal Shelter.

The throwaways are discarded dogs looking for a home and the shelter is the porch of Lynn's home at Lochlin. Perhaps as many as 150 dogs have stayed there for awhile and then found a new family.

Some day, maybe, the Lochlin Animal Shelter will have a building of its own but for now it could do with a Christmas infusion of cash to help keep it going.

The shelter is as good a place as any to start our second annual list of local causes deserving of your financial attention.

This is supposed to be the season for giving and that really ought to mean more than a Saturday shopping orgy at the Oshawa Town Centre or a couple of cheques fired off to the big charities that put the glossiest brochures in your mail box.

Our list of good local causes does not pretend to be inclusive; The Brown Dog Jiggs and I did our best to find as many as possible. If we left out your favourite local charity, write us a note and we will try to remember to include it next year.

The list that follows is in no particular order. The shelter and CANOE FM, the first two worthies on the list, are not able to issue tax receipts but all the rest can.

Contact name and telephone numbers are provided, along with addresses. Call before you mail a cheque; you may need to follow special instructions in order to get your tax break.

Here goes:

Lochlin Animal Shelter. Lynn Davis, 286-6592. R.R. 1, Minden. KOM 2K0

CANOE FM, run by volunteers and everything a local radio station should be, has an emergency fund for things like the new transmitter tube it had to buy a while back. Don Cameron, 457-9603. Box 1125, Haliburton. KOM 1S0

Lately, most of the village wells paid for by Walk for Water have been in rural India, but they could be anywhere in the Third World. Ron Reid, 489-2431. Box 553, Minden. KOM 2K0

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust works to preserve our natural landscape through trusts and easements. Brent Wootton, 447-2628. Box 792, Minden. KOM 2K0

The Hawk Lake Log Chute, a historic fragment of the industry that once drove this county, is up and running but not entirely paid for. Carol Moffat, 489-3554.

The fight to re-open and re-establish the Frost Centre at Dorset is being led by the Friends of the Frost Centre. Penny Obee, 489-3333. RR #2, Minden. KOM 2K0

You can adopt a metre or more of any of four trails in the county that are part of the Trails & Tours Network. 489-4049. General delivery, Carnarvon. KOM 1J0

Good work being done for our flora and fauna by the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association includes a fish hatchery and preservation of a local subspecies of trout. Kyla Greenham, 457-9664. Box 184, Haliburton. KOM 1S0.

The Friends of St. Stephen's is a non-denominational group restoring one of the county's pioneer churches. Wanda Mole, 489-2050. RR #2, Minden. KOM 2K0

A collection of cultural institutions awaits your generosity. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Foundation has pledged \$45,000 to the centre's recent expansion and promotes the arts in the community. Klara Oyler, 286-4419. Box 653, Minden. KOM 2K0

A 1915-era bank counter is at the top of the wish list of the Minden Hills Museum, which recently acquired a teller's cage that would go with it. Carol Simmons, 286-3154. Box 69, Minden. KOM 2K0

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery needs dollars to add to its collection of Andre Lapine paintings and look after the art it already owns. Laurie Carmount, 286-3763. Box 648, Minden. KOM 2K0

Minden Hills Cultural Centre needs help with marketing and maintenance of its building. Dianne Graham, 286-3763. Box 648, Minden. KOM 2K0



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

You can tell the Haliburton County Library how you want your donation spent: on children's books, for example, or on books for the branch of your choice. Joel Levis, 457-2241. Box 119, Haliburton. KOM 1S0

In the midst of its Christmas campaign, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation still is almost a million dollars short of paying off its \$5.7-million share of the cost of our new hospitals. Dale Walker, 286-1580. Box 30, Minden. KOM 2K0

The Minden Food Bank will accept your cash any time, but the deadline for its Christmas baskets is Dec. 21. Barb Walford-Davis, 489-1715. Box 893, Minden. KOM 2K0

Community Care Haliburton County enables seniors and adults with disabilities to stay independent. Roxanne Casey, 457-2941. Box 956, Haliburton. KOM 1S0

Family Services of Haliburton County works with one out of four children in the county, helping them realize their potential. Fay Martin, 286-2191. Box 1306, Haliburton. KOM 1S0

The Haliburton Highlands Learning Program conducts adult literacy groups in communities across the county. Maureen Bayon, 457-3430. Box 716, Haliburton. KOM 1S0

SIRCH Inc. offers support for folks of all ages, for pregnant young women, for parents preparing their tots for kindergarten, and for families dealing with bereavement issues. Gina Robertson, 457-1742. Box 119, Haliburton. KOM 1S0.

Fox Foundation proud of students

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and his family are sincerely thankful to you for paying tribute to him in this way. Do you know what Terry asked for from all Canadians in 1980? He asked for one dollar from every Canadian. It was a simple request but a vision that we follow 25 years later. Archie Stouffer Elementary

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Darrell Fox,
National Director,
The Terry Fox Foundation

Trails and Tours gets stronger

Winter's one of the busiest seasons for local trail organization

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

Some people may think the trailing and touring season is over. If it were, this year would have been another good one. The year, however, is not over for the staff, members of, and users of Trails and Tours. Winter, one of their greatest seasons, is just beginning.

Not only are 13 of the network's 20 trails enjoyable by snowshoe, snowmobile and cross-country ski, but Trails and Tours is also actively making sure that winter attractions in the county expand.

"We are a four-season organization," says Karen Hoover of Trails and Tours. "There are things to do all year."

Besides trail use, maintenance and administration, Trails and Tours is supporting at least two initiatives this year in line with their new direction: adopt-a-metre and the bed and breakfast tour.

While Trails and Tours has put together



Hike Haliburton is one of Trails and Tours' biggest successes. Photo, Darren Lum.

a strategy for the next few years, this past year has been very successful.

"They've all been good years," says Lindsay Elder. "We're consistently growing and that indicates the need for our organization."

Karen Hoover, also with Trails and Tours suspected the warm weather helped with this year's success.

This year's most celebrated success was the Hike Haliburton Festival.

"This was the first year that the Hike Haliburton festival was in the black," says Hoover. "It really is a county-wide event."

This year, an estimated 1,200 hikers participated in the festival. In addition, approximately 20 per cent of hikers paid for accommodation in the county.

Besides the festival, over the past two years Trails and Tours has been very busy with previously committed projects. They have added six new trails to the network's inventory with a total of 26 new kilometres. They have also been actively maintaining and reworking 126 kilometres of trail on 21 other projects.

One of the highlights of this past year was the bushwhacking of the new system of trails soon to be fully blazed at the historic Hawk Lake Log Chute. In conjunction with the Stanhope Heritage Museum and the Township of Algonquin Highlands, whose trails are all maintained by Trails and Tours, the new trail system will be a major attractant to the area.

"We've spent the past year fulfilling previous grant commitments," says Elder. "Next year, we will be focusing on revenue development."

Generating revenue may be more of a focus than would be hoped. With both the O-Star and Ontario Living Legacy grants now finished, Trails and Tours has to find new ways to secure income for the future.

"That's one of the big challenges we'll have to overcome," says Elder, referring to the drying up of both large grants.

In order to qualify for new grant money, Trails and Tours has been working on a strategic plan to see them through to 2008. While the past few years have been dedicated to fulfilling previous grant commitments, there is now a need to define new goals and apply for relevant grant funding. One such avenue of revenue might be the Ontario Trail Strategy.

"We're hoping there will be some opportunity for funding from that," says Elder.

The new strategic plan, unveiled at the Trails and Tours' annual general meeting earlier in November, redefines the organization's mission and vision while outlining four key goal areas to see them through until 2008.

One new concept for the organization is the idea of creating experiences, not just trailing and touring.

"The Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network creates outdoor experiences that contribute to the enjoyment, health and well-being of residents and visitors," reads the vision statement in the draft strategic plan. The development of experiences is one of four main goals for the organization.

The objective, as follows, is to develop a program of tours and events to be offered by Trails and Tours in partnership with trail organizations and businesses by May of 2006.

Best explained by using a winter scenario, the idea is to create a package of activities. As an example, lugeing, dog-sled racing, cross-country skiing and



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Trails wants to play bigger role in promoting tourism in county

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snow shoeing for visitors yearning to experience, in this case, winter in the Highlands.

To develop the experiences better, Trails and Tours also hopes to host an annual workshop with trail organizations and other like-minded community groups for March of each year.

Also, by September of 2006, Trails and Tours hopes to establish a partnership with the Arts Council, again to facilitate creation of comprehensive experiences more effectively.

Finally, as part of the experience creation, Trails and Tours plans to continue its role as a central clearing house for local tour information. This is something that might develop well beyond the present capacity.

Currently, Haliburton County is interested in divesting the responsibility of tourist information inside the county to the four member municipalities. If that happens, the Township of Algonquin Highlands has expressed some interest in partnering with Trails and Tours, specifically for their prime location on Highway 35 just north of Highway 118 in Carnarvon.

"I would love it if they [Algonquin Highlands] asked us about something like that," says Elder. "We would love to be approached by Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills."

If Trails and Tours did operate as a tourist information centre for the municipality, it would not only bring more visitors into the Trails and Tours office, it would also add some valuable funds to the coffers.

Funding has not been a problem to date. The network, however, is eager to secure stable future funding.

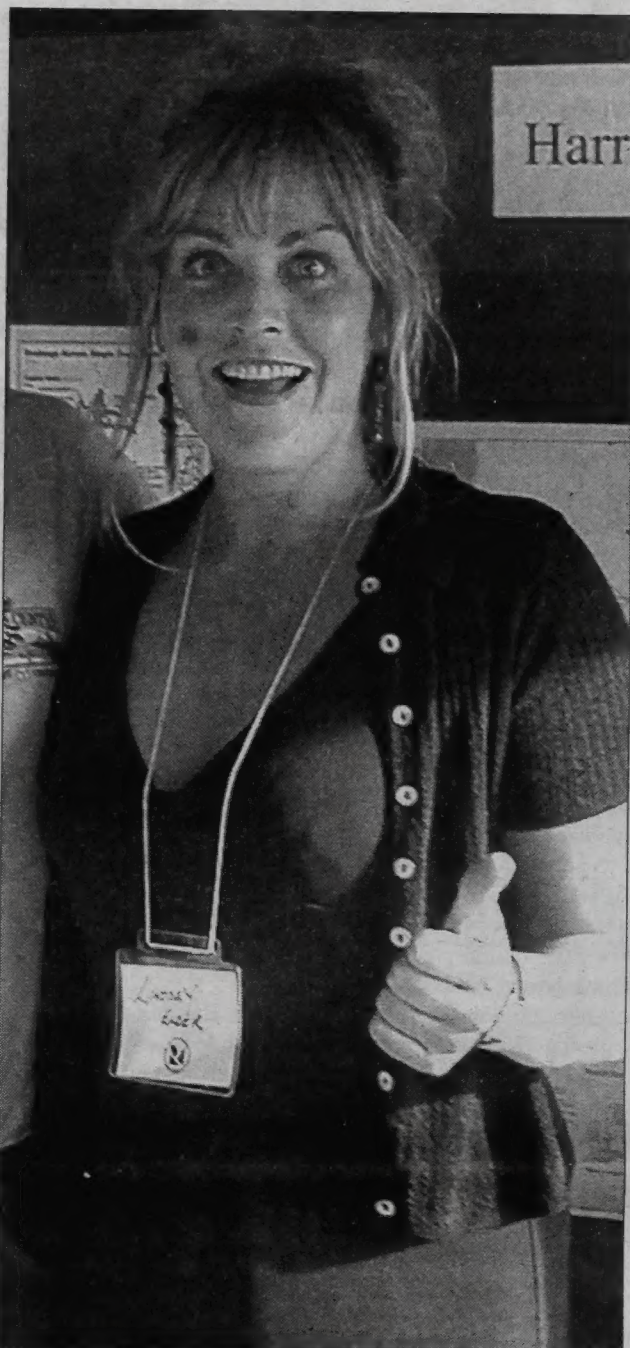
This past year alone, the amount of money that has come in from the membership base has increased sometimes as much as 295 per cent. This is also the case with funds from family memberships. Whereas last year, Trails and Tours raised approximately \$10,000 from its members, this year that figure is closer to \$15,000.

But members cannot be the only source of revenue generation.

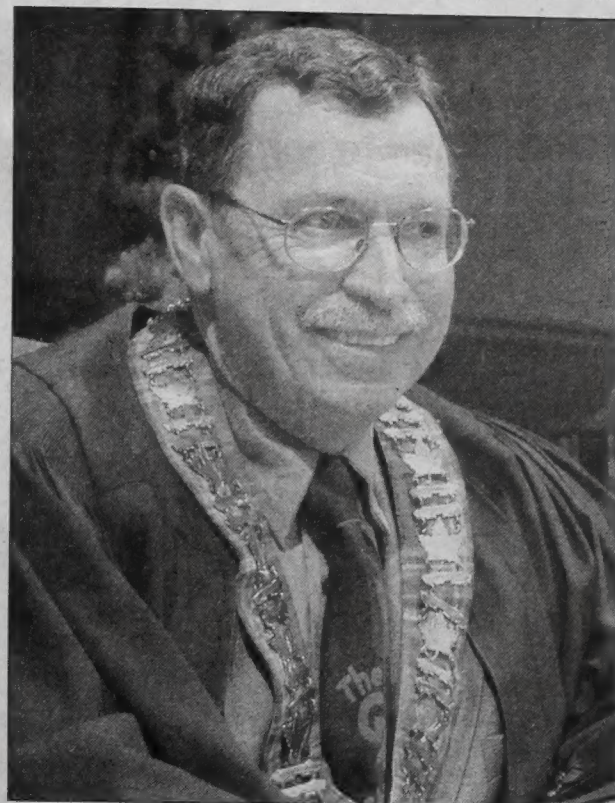
For the last several years and again this year Trails and Tours is promoting the Adopt-A-Metre program. With 58 kilometres up for adoption this could translate into more than several million dollars in revenue for the organization, considering each metre adopted by families or individuals costs \$25 and corporate and community adoptions cost \$100.

While the program has been going slower than previously hoped, it is becoming popular as a gift; and, with the adoption of two or more metres, buyers receive a free one-year membership to Trails and Tours.

Famous television news anchor Lloyd Robertson sees the benefit of the Adopt-A-Metre program. He's already adopted 40.



Lindsay Elder would love Trails and Tours to play a bigger part in promoting tourism in Haliburton County. File photo.



A Christmas message from Warden Jim McMahon

With the Christmas season upon us, I would like to remind the residents of the County of Haliburton to visit their local retailers when shopping for the holidays. There are fantastic shops and boutiques tucked within our own county, from Dorset to Wilberforce, Haliburton to Minden, all well-stocked and seasonally decorated in anticipation of your arrival.

Avoid hazardous weather conditions and crowded malls and shop locally – you will benefit more than you realize.

We have already had great promotions towards Christmas throughout the County: Santa Claus parades, decorating of public Christmas trees, Christmas carols, for example.

Our communities already face economic challenges and you will not only be helping out individual retailers but also investing in the community in which you live. I encourage everyone to shop locally this holiday season and, while doing so, remember your local food bank for those who are less fortunate.

Have fun this holiday season and remember: please drink responsibly. Best wishes to all for a safe, healthy and happy holiday season!

– Warden Jim McMahon

County of Haliburton



NOTICE

The Committee of the Whole of Haliburton County Council will be holding their regular meeting on **Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 9:00 am** in the Council Chambers in Minden.

The Council of the County of Haliburton will also at this time hold its **regular meeting at 1:00 pm** followed by a **2006 budget meeting at 1:30 pm**.

The Council of the County of Haliburton will be holding its **annual inaugural meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.** in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden.

The public is invited to attend all of these meetings.

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Party with the police on New Year's Eve

You're invited to come to the Police Officers' Ball and welcome in 2006

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

Come one and all to the New Year's Eve Police Officers' Ball.

Don your finest semi-formal and formal apparel and ring in the New Year at the Minden Community Centre.

"This is open to the public," says Lisa Allore who is organizing the event with the help of other police officer wives. "Some people have a misconception that it is only for police officers."

Despite the name, the event is entirely a public soiree hosted by the police officers (and their wives) for the community as a whole.

Allore, who grew up in the Highlands, got the idea when she and her husband were stationed in Sioux Lookout in Northern Ontario. The OPP detachment ran a successful Police Officers' Ball in the summer time.

The New Year's Eve Ball will be a fun-filled evening with a traditional roast beef dinner and dancing all through the night. In addition, the evening will include a silent lottery auction with wonderful grand prizes donated by community businesses.

"The businesses around Haliburton County have been very generous in donating some great prizes," says Allore.

Prizes include, among other things, a giant stainless steel barbecue, a bar fridge, aluminum hockey sticks, a diamond-sapphire bracelet, an MP3 player, a DVD player, golf equipment as well as various rounds of free golf at courses throughout the county.

Tickets cost \$25 and tables are being arranged to seat eight.

The event promises to be a very fun and very safe evening. "Calling it a police officers' ball, we don't expect many problems," laughs Allore.

"It's a perfect opportunity for the middle-aged to older crowd who are dying to dress up and go to a nice dance," says Allore.

Besides dressing up, drinking champagne and dancing in the new year, the public event is also raising money for several local charities in need of the funds.

This year, the proceeds raised by the New Year's Eve Ball will be split evenly between the Haliburton Figure Skating Club and the Minden YWCA. Allore is hopeful that the \$25 ticket sales (of which there are 250)

and the sale from the auction will allow each charity in excess of \$1000.

While this is the first year that Haliburton County has had a Police Officers' Ball, Allore is confident that the tradition will continue and that each year new and different charities will be able to benefit financially

from the New Year's Eve celebrations.

Allore advises the public that all tickets must be purchased by December 24 for catering numbers. Tickets can be purchased from either the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment on Highway 35, Highland Images in Haliburton or Lisa Allore at 286-1110.

Local OPP detachment has interim commander but still seeks full-time boss

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the OPP has a new interim detachment commander.

Nick Baranik, a 14-year veteran with the OPP previously working out of Orillia with the First Nations program, has been brought in to replace former Staff Sergeant Bob Walli who left the Haliburton Highlands detachment for a new post in Lindsay earlier this fall. Baranik took up his temporary post at the beginning of November.

The OPP has been accepting applications for a permanent staff sergeant. The application process ended recently and OPP headquarters is currently working through the applicants.

"There is a good group of people here," says Baranik of his staff. "We're busy preparing for a new detachment."

Baranik actively took part in the recent launch of the new OPP building being built on Highway 35 across from Tim Hortons.

Although a resident of Bracebridge, Baranik is familiar with the Highlands because his brother is also with the local OPP detachment. Baranik says, in jest, that despite being his brother's boss, there is no awkwardness around the dinner table.

While Baranik is enthusiastic about the new detachment facility, he will be in the Highlands only a short while longer. He expects that a new permanent detachment commander will be announced in a few months.

Baranik did not apply for the permanent position because he felt it would give him an unfair advantage

over the other applicants. When his work here is done, Baranik may return to the First Nations program in Orillia. However, he may be moved elsewhere.

"We'll have to see what comes up," he says.



Nick Baranik is the new interim commander for the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the OPP.

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Proceeds from the evening will be donated to "Youth for Christ" Initiative.

And the smelly sneaker award goes to ...

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

Sue Shikaze was pleased to present four classes at Archie Stouffer Elementary School with smelly sneakers. Not the kind that smell, but the kind that recognize organized healthy physical activity in the form of hiking.

"Walking and hiking are a really great way for kids to be physically active," says Sue Shikaze, health promoter with the Health Unit. "This is a fun challenge that encourages teachers to get their students active."

Four classrooms at ASES hiked over 200 kilometres during the Hike Haliburton School Challenge. Mrs. Coneybeare's Grade 1 class hiked 204 kilometres, Mrs.



Sue Shikaze of the local health unit poses with some of the winning students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School who walked more than 200 km during the Hike Haliburton School Challenge. Photo by Bryn Weese.

Marks-O'Sullivan's Grade 4 class hiked 226 kilometres, Miss Hill's Grade 3 class hiked 246 kilometres and the winner, Ms. MacDonald's Grade 3 class hiked a whopping 264 kilometres. Mr. Darlington's Grade 2 class also participated in the Hike Haliburton School Challenge.

The school challenge, a co-operative effort between Health for Life and the Trails and Tours Network, encourages teachers and their students to be physically active during the second week in October to coincide with the Hike Haliburton Festival.

"It not only encourages the kids to be active," says Shikaze, "it also profiles the opportunities to hike and walk in Haliburton County."

Step counters were provided to the students by Kellogg's Canada and classes that hiked more than 200 kilometres were given a smelly sneaker award.

All participating classes were entered into a draw for a free pizza lunch provided by Health for Life. Ms. MacDonald's class won the draw and enjoyed the pizza, along with a healthy fruit tray provided by the students at T 'N' T catering service from the Highlands Community Learning Centre.

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Legion honours children

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

The Minden Legion's art and literary contest is over for the year and this past Thursday the lucky winners from Archie Stouffer Elementary School were awarded their prizes.

With a variety of categories and several different age groups, many ASES students received monetary recognition for their creativity in remembering veterans. Francine Newton, youth education chair of the Minden Legion, presented the awards to the students: \$20 for first place, \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place.

In addition to money, the first-place winners in each category and age group will also be forwarded on to the zone finals to be held later this year.

Primary poster in colour:

1. Shae MacMaull
2. Erin Little
3. Braydon Hollows

Junior poster in colour:



These smiling faces from Archie Stouffer Elementary School belong to the primary and junior winners of the art and literary contest sponsored by the Minden Legion. Photos by Bryn Weese.

1. Katlyn Dorion
2. Holly Broderick
3. Taylor Chambers

Intermediate poster in colour:

1. Emma Stephens
2. Kaitlin Allore

Junior poster in black and white:

1. Becky Ridsdale
2. Oliver Nelson
3. Julie Crego

Intermediate poster in black and white:

1. Teghan Dodds
2. Myia Newton
3. Tara O'Sullivan

Junior Essay:

1. Daya Sweet
2. Nicole Reddering
3. Katlyn Dorion

Intermediate Essay:

1. Kaitlin Allore
2. Tara O'Sullivan
3. Teghan Dodds

Junior Poem:

1. Becky Ridsdale
2. Christie Bussier
3. Amanda Kraft

Intermediate Poem:

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Meet the Archie Stouffer Elementary School winners of the Intermediate art and literary contest sponsored by the Minden Legion.

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Food bank needs donations all year round, not just now

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

With the Christmas Hamper Program going well, the Minden Food Bank is thinking ahead. More food will be needed if those who depend on the food bank are to eat well throughout the rest of winter.

"People eat all year round," says Chair of the Minden Food Bank, Barbara Walford-Davis. "Sometimes, people think that once Christmas is over, they can stop giving."

The Minden Food Bank, which serves people from Cobocok to Dorset, has registered about 130 families. That number, says Walford-Davis, increases as the winter months drag on.

"The work just isn't there," she says. "By the time some families here pay for the oil and heating, there is not much left to pay for food."

Especially in the winter months, when heating and hydro costs escalate, feeding those less fortunate becomes a continuing task, says Walford-Davis.

Principally, the Food Bank accepts canned goods, pasta, cereals and toiletries but welcomes monetary donations as well.

"We go out and buy only healthy items," says Walford-Davis about the way financial donations are turned into food. "They also get an income tax receipt."

The Minden Food Bank has been operating for many years and has succeeded only because of the kindness of the community and the businesses.

"The people in this area are very good about giving," says Walford-Davis. "I

think people realize how hard it is here during the winter."

And people have been giving generously so far, she says. The Christmas Hamper Program is going to be another success this year with the donations coming in earlier than usual.

The phone-ins, an opportunity for people to call and ask for a Christmas hamper from the food bank, began Monday December 5 and will continue until late next week.

With a choice of either a turkey or a ham complete with all the trimmings (potatoes, stuffing and bread), those who need help for a Christmas dinner this year can find it at the food bank.

The Food Bank is always looking for help. Currently they need volunteers to help pack the Christmas hampers at the Community Centre on December 21 and 22. They will be distributed to those who have ordered them on December 23.

Currently, Easton's Valumart and Dollo's IGA are hosting food drives. The Minden Hills Fire Department traditionally holds a toy drive before Christmas and the Stanhope Fire Department accepts Food Bank donations at their Christmas Party.

Walford-Davis is very pleased with the work that the community organizes for the food bank but urges people to give generously all year long, not only at Christmas.

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Kinmount warms to the Lights

Hill family's donated spruce honoured in annual lighting ceremony

From my computer the view is serene, with door, yard and hill covered in snow. The scene from the other window overlooking the bird feeder however is one of great activity as the various visitors joust for position. The chickadees, although smallest, manage to hold their own against the messy blue jays and newly arrived flock of evening grosbeaks while the antics of the single downy woodpecker alone are worth the cost of admission.

What a great turnout for the Lights Across Canada event here in Kinmount. Excitement filled the air as the switch was thrown and coloured bulbs lit up the giant spruce donated once again by the Hill family. During this busy time please remember to put a new, unwrapped toy under the Angel Trees placed around town by the Lions Club and purchase your draw ticket for the Christmas Basket in support of the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park.

Santa Claus will officially arrive here on Sunday, December 11th with his parade moving along Main Street and up to the Legion starting at 2 p.m. Much appreciation is extended to the Legion Branch 441 and the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development for making this such a special annual event for children of all ages.

Shopping not yet complete? Why not drop by the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace for that special gift with no tax to pay for the month of December. The Marketplace is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 - 4 p.m. and then daily from December 15th through 24th.

For you bingo buffs don't forget the Christmas bingo at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 this Friday, December 9th with cash prizes, turkeys, hams and a must go \$500.00 jackpot. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for a 6:45 p.m. start. Also coming up at the Legion on December 17th at 9:00 p.m. will be Karaoke with the Back Forty.

Kinmount United Church invites everyone to its Carol Service at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 18th. On that same day Burnt River United Church will hold an Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will take place at Norland United Church at 7:30 p.m. and later that evening at Kinmount United Church at 9 p.m.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

November 29 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed

Shuffleboard: Going solo Alf Briscoe led the scoring at 405 with Grace Berardi and Flo Roussel next at 356. George Hamilton and Sandy Poulton came third at 311 while Cliff Davison teamed with Pearl Cowen had the low of 172.

November 29 euchre at Gelert Community Centre: For the ladies Pearl Cowen recorded the high and Rita Crofts the low with Kevin Maloney tops for the gents and Tom Grix low. Theresa Deak won for lone hands and Lorna Hicks took the draw.

November 29 contract bridge at Stanhope: There was a fabulous turnout on hand to see Mary and Len McNeice along with Harold Cox and Chuck Wilson take the after-



AROUND THE TOWN

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noon's two slams. Margo Davidson led the scoring at 6320 followed by Len McNeice 5660, Reet Murray 5560 and Chuck Wilson 5330. Pearl Foster took the lucky draw, Jean Jackson the Shiny Penny and for Margo Davidson it was the S.L.S.A. Award as the Shady Lady Strikes Again.

November 29 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: in first was Pat Roussel 265 then Kevin Maloney 233 with Georgina Parks and Isobel Cherwenka tied for third at 230. Moonshots went to Kevin Maloney, Pat Scadden, Verna McDonald and Helen Henderson while Marcy Morgan, Isobel Cherwenka, Rose Isaacson and Don Burch held the hidden scores.

November 30 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Using the Howell system in first at 58% were Margo Davidson and Muriel McIntosh then Harold Cox and Chuck Wilson at 57%. Third place went to Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf at 52%.

November 30 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion: The Harvie family led the way with Emily high lady and Harold high man. Low scores were recorded by Mildred St. Thomas and Mike St. Thomas with Theresa Deak taking lone hand honours and Harold Harvie winning the draw.

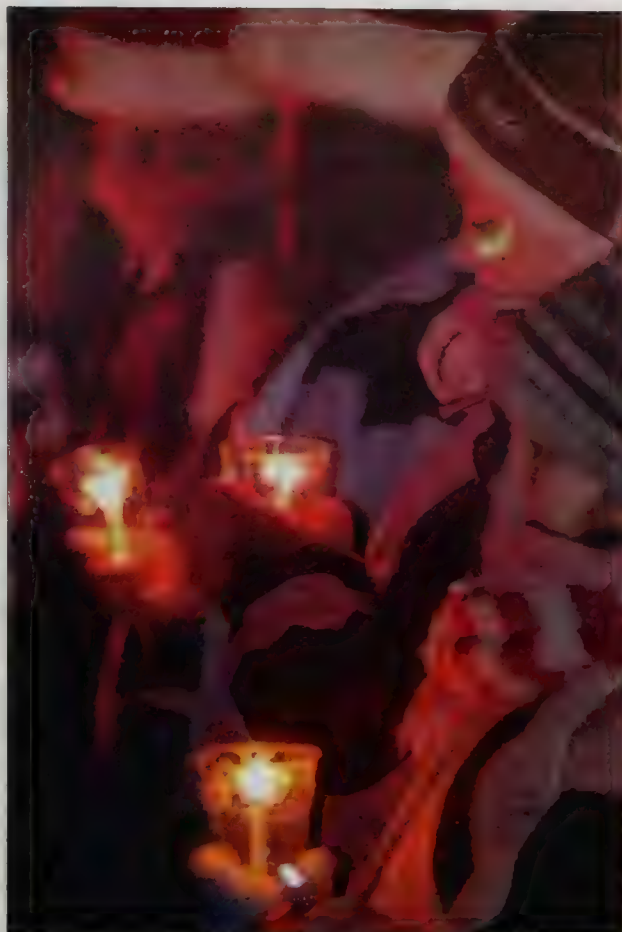
November 30 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshot trio members were Rob Evans, Helen Windsor and Alf Whyman. Lottie Ruttan topped the pinks at 320, Barb Robitaille was next at 264 with a tie for third between Verna Sawyer and Marion Hill at 258. Leading the whites was Dick Coffey at 332 followed by Don Burch 278 and Chris Clarke 266.

December 1 euchre at the Minden Legion: In the lone hands column it was Margaret Fletcher and Bob Cleverly with high scores going to Lorna Hicks and Syd Adamson. Flo Roussel and Don Burch had the evening's lows while Maxine Cross, Don Burch, Laura Carnegie, Linda Hopkins and our reporter May Bradbury won the other prizes.

December 2 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Congratulations to Margo Davidson for completing a bridge hat trick this week with her third win. Margo and Sharon Young led with 57% then Diana Spicer and Joan Galley 56% and Chuck Wilson teamed with Ross Fletcher 55%.

December 2 bid euchre at Club 35: It proved to be Garth Windsor Night with his impressive 370 lead over the whites plus two moonshots. Pearl Cowen, Jean Scadden, Chris Clarke, Stan Dutka and Alf Whyman had the other moons. Helen Windsor topped the pinks at 300 followed by Jean Scadden 247 and Olive Jones 238 while Chris Clarke was second for the whites at 312 and Percy Butler 227 third. Verna Sawyer held the hidden score.

December 2 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Bev



Johnson won for high hands, Doreen Francis for lone hands, Peter O'Reilly for low hands and Maria Tschida for the draw.

December 3 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots went to Marcel Roussel, Albert Foster and Isobel Cherwenka while June Branning, Gala Stamp and Isobel Cherwenka won the draws. First for the pinks was Emily Harvie 301 then Thelma Francis 275 and Pat Roussel 233. For the whites Marcel Roussel was high at 305, Pat Scadden second at 281 and Albert Foster third at 245.

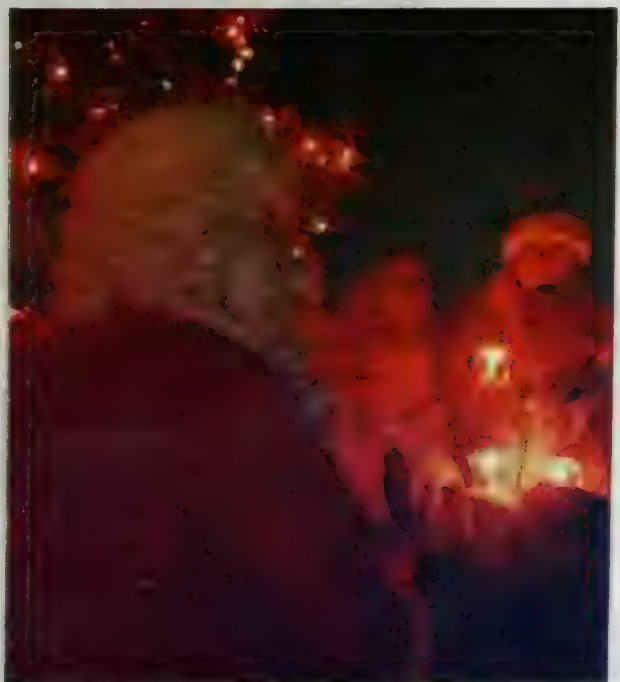
December 5 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: In top spot was Doreen Francis with Bev Johnson holding most lone hands, Albert Foster recording the low and Helen Skelding winning the special prize. Elaine Yeo reminds that everyone from the community is welcome to come to the Terrace for cards at 7 p.m. The nominal \$2.00 charge includes a light lunch.

December 5 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: Mildred St. Thomas had the high score with Rose Isaacson second high. Marjorie Paradis won the draw while Emily Harvie and our reporter Theresa Deak [2] had moonshots.

December 5 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: For most lone hands it was Verna McDonald and Ken Rowden with Mabel Deacon and Tim Sharpe tallying up the highs. Bill Mosley had the afternoon's low and also won a special prize along with Mabel Deacon. The skunk was busy paying three visits to Marion Stickwood, Verna McDonald and Lorne Dinesen.

December 5 cribbage at the Minden Legion: Maxine Cross had the high score with Jean Scadden second and Russ Blanchard third. Pat Scadden along with Lois and Syd Adamson won the other prizes.

December 5 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Colleen Davison with Marnie Butler doubly lucky taking both high lady and the baloney. Cliff Davison was tops for the gents while Linda Voycey and Alf Whyman not only recorded the lows but also took home special prizes.



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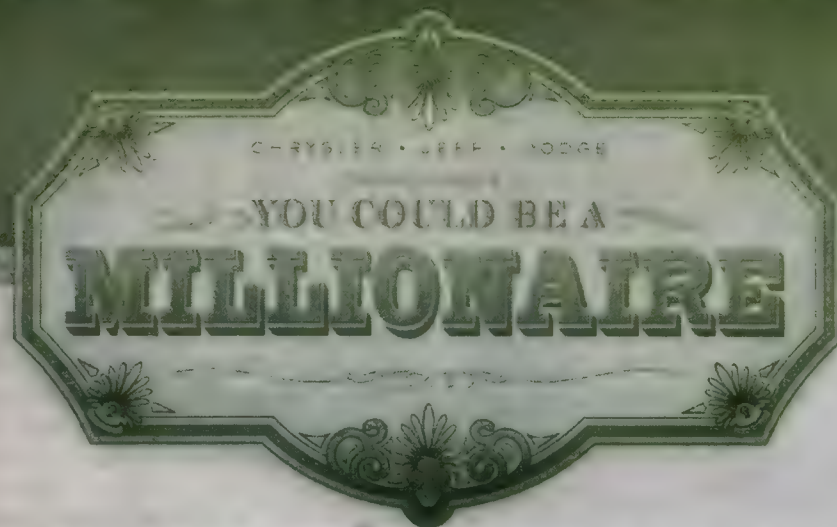
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Highland Storm Atoms the team to beat

by WADE MACINNES
Special to Times

With 20 games under their belts the Storm Atom Reps are building a reputation. In a post game chin wag with a Bracebridge Bear coach he reiterated, that the Storm Atoms are the hardest hitting team they've played to date. He said they love playing our team because it toughens up their squad.

The Highland boys aren't one dimensional and play the game like seasoned veterans. They break out well; they gain the zone with control and cycle the puck around for good scoring chances. They backcheck like crazy and have great team speed. They have a number of game breaking lamplighters who can bust it open, and their defensive corps are punishing. The goaltending is superb and as a result of all these attributes their record is 17 wins, 2 ties and 1 loss two months in the season.

They captured the "A" championship of a

tournament in Woodville on Nov. 19th with a 4-1 victory over an "A" team from West Hill. On Sat. Nov. 26th the team finally met their match when they fell to an "A" per cent team from Barrie 5-3 in the "A" championship of their home tournament.

In the first game on tournament day the Storm squeaked by the Ayr Flames 4-3 in O.T. in a thriller. In their second game the Highland lads downed the Coldwater Wildcats 4-2. Teams travelled from Ayr, Woodville, Coldwater,

Barry's Bay, Bracebridge, Lindsay and Barrie to participate in the Hockey tournament. It was a great day for hockey in Haliburton, except for two captains. The storms #5 Zach Boice and Barry's Bay #12 Russell Summer were both ejected from the tourney. the 1st period of their respective 1st games due to their aggressive style of play. It's a quality most coaches look for in a leader and I hope they never lose that.

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sometimes can ruin a kids fun. I remember when we were 10 years old and road hockey was our game. We played for hours on end without adult supervision. For the most we got along great.

Ya we had the odd argument or knuckle duster over a disputed goal, but we didn't have video replay and we didn't go running to Mom and Dad. We just wiped the blood off our schnauz and got back to playing. Heck five minutes later you were at the home of the chum who poked you in the beak getting a much needed drink of kool-aid.

Missing their captain and top rearguard, the Storm Atoms Mitch „Moose% Byers Andrew Hewitt, Ben Hicks, Mike Nelson, Jake Sisson, Tanner Ballantyne, Tanner Hamilton, Nicky Hunter, Donovan MacInnes, Jordon Howe, Kris Calvert, Taylor Rowbotham, Stewart Chaulk and Jacob Harrison give their best against the powerful Barrie Colts squad but fell short.

The entire team would like to thank Jake

Sisson for filling in for Zach in the final game, and their parents and grandparents for all their support and hard work in making their tournament a success.

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Also the Highland Storm Atom team sends its love and best wishes for Tanner Hamilton's little five year old brother Dawson who is in Toronto at Sick Kids Hospital undergoing a bone marrow transplant for leukemia. We ask that everyone in

Haliburton County say a prayer for our little buddy.

Thank You Wade MacInnes

Highland Storm Novice As complete the trifecta

by TINA STEPHENSON
Special to Times

The Highland Storm Novice A had an impressive day advancing to the "A" Final at their home tournament December 3rd. Teams hosted included York Mills, Oak Ridges, Keene, Midland, Gravenhurst, Belleville and Ennismore. The Storm opened with a decisive 7-1 win over Ennismore. Devon Upton, William Stephenson and Hunter Bishop each scored a pair while Curtis Ballantyne added the 7th.

The second game was a 5-0 win over Gravenhurst. As always, Logan Churko was strong in net with defensive support from Owen Flood, Connor Gadway, Joel Fedeski and Curtis Ballantyne. Devon Upton scored another pair with single goals scored by William Stephenson, Hunter Bishop and Curtis Ballantyne.

Facing the Belleville Bulls in the "A" final, the Storm opened the scoring with a classic "Curtis Ballantyne Beauty". The Bulls gained a 3-1 lead

but the Storm tide it up near the end of the second period with a second goal from Curtis and a rink wide shot from Owen Flood. Despite hard work by forwards Braydin Hollows and Braden "Dash" Roberts, the Bulls pulled ahead and won with a final score of 6-3. Curtis Ballantyne was a great pick for MVP.

The Storm Novice heads to Wasaga Beach December 10/11 for the Silver Stick.

Storm's schedule

In Haliburton
Dec. 9 Bantam TC vs Bobcaygeon @ 6:30 p.m.
Peewee As vs Bracebridge @ 8 p.m.
Midget TC vs Woodville @ 9:30
Dec. 10 Atom AE Silver Stick 8:00-8:00
Dec. 11 AAE/PTC Silver Stick Finals 8:00-5:00
In Minden
Dec. 9 Atom TC vs Sunderland @ 7:00
Dec. 10 Peewee TC Silver Stick 8:00-8:00
Dec. 11 Atom TC vs Omeme White @ 1:00
Peewee A vs Gravenhurst @ 4:00

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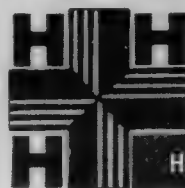
For the seventh year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters. To date the 2005 "Reach for The Future" campaign has raised \$11,510.00. The proceeds will assist the Foundation to pay off the \$980,000 capital loan on the Health Care Facilities.

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Carnarvon Bowling League Statistics

Tuesday Afternoon, Nov. 29, 2005

High Average: Ken Thompson 211; Lillian Mattsson 186

High Single: Nick Biljetina 278; Cathy Hunt 21

High Single HC: Nick Biljetina 320; Cathy Hunt 278

High Triple: Bev Hunt 684; Tina Hadley 555

High Triple HC: Bev Hunt 813; Cathy Hunt 746

Tuesday Night, Nov. 29, 2005

High Average: Ken Thompson 223; Marlene Robinson 205

High Single: Bob Pollard 240; Barb Nash 218

High Single HC: Bob Pollard 307; Charlotte Burk 290

High Triple: Eric Burk 641; Miranda Versi 627

High Triple HC: Eric Burk 785; Miranda Versi 771

Wednesday Afternoon, Nov. 30, 2005

High Average: Ken Thompson 209; Marie Thompson 174

High Single: Ken Thompson 276; Marie Thompson 204

High Single HC: Ed McGrath 273; Shirley Milne 279

High Triple: Ken Thompson 666; Marie Thompson 542

High Triple HC: Ed McGrath 719; Shirley Milne 765

Thursday Afternoon, Dec. 1, 2005

High Average: Ken Thompson 221; Josie Cheesman 167

High Single: Ken Thompson 249; Maraylene Welch 237

High Single HC: Paul Cameron 293; Maraylene Welch 304

High Triple: Ken Thompson 681; Josie Cheesman 511

High Triple HC: Paul Cameron 702; Maraylene Welch 716



Staying on top of things

Above: Jonathon Sharpley is dragged down, pushing the puck in the offensive zone.

Left: Zach Joanu breaks around a Mustangs defender behind the visitor's net.

Haliburton showed great poise and character against the visiting Crestwood Mustangs, staying out of the penalty box and refusing to retaliate. Red Hawks won 4 - 3. Haliburton's record is 3 - 0 - 2. Crestwood entered play 1 - 0 - 3. See story in upcoming issue of *The Haliburton County Echo*. Photos by Darren Lum.



Haliburton annual

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hosted the annual Red Hawks Classic Tournament (juniors and senior) on Friday, Dec. 2.

There were three schools (Holy Cross and Fenelon Falls) competing for the Classic title, including Haliburton.

Above: Haliburton seniors lost to Holy Cross 51 - 23 and were edged out against Fenelon Falls Falcons 44 - 41. The Falcons won the senior tournament.

Left: Haliburton juniors lost to Fenelon Falls 66 - 15 and to Holy Cross 64 - 20. Holy Cross won the junior tournament. Photos by Darren Lum



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Moose poachers must cough up \$7,000 in fines

Killing a cow moose illegally has cost two hunters \$7,000 in fines.

Paul Capicotto, 34, of Mississauga, and Fiorenzo Iantorno, 51, of Etobicoke, were fined \$3,500 each for illegally transferring a licence, hunting without a licence, and possessing illegally taken wildlife. The moose was forfeited to the Crown.

Court heard that on October 18, 2005, Ministry of Natural Resources Bancroft district conservation officers spoke to the men about 25 kilometres north of Haliburton. The Conservation officers found the two hunters with a moose that was not tagged.

Justice of the Peace J. Wiley heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden on December 1, 2005.

The public and hunters alike are reminded that the Ministry of Natural Resources manages Ontario's big game populations, including moose, for the benefit of present and future generations. Poaching lowers the chance for hunters to draw tags and can harm the chances of seeing animals like moose during outdoor activities such as hiking and canoeing.

Call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time to report a natural resources violation or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1800-222-TIPS (8477).

Provincial government has plans to modernize hunter education

The Ontario government is modernizing and streamlining its hunter education program.

"We're updating the program to keep pace with the changes in the hunting community and improvements in hunting equipment and technology," said Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay. "This will provide better customer service to Ontario hunters."

Under the amendments to hunting regulations, firearms training requirements in Ontario will be harmonized with the Canadian Firearms Safety course to prevent duplication. The ministry will also create two classes of Ontario Outdoors Cards, one for gun hunters and one for non-gun hunters such as bow hunters and falconers. This will improve access to recreational hunting for non-gun hunters as they will no longer need a federal firearms licence to hunt.

The changes apply only to new hunters and take effect January 2006. The Ministry of Natural Resources sets the content of the Ontario Hunters Education Program and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters administers it.

"The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters works closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources on hunter education and we are pleased to support the harmonization of the program," said Mike Reader, OFAH's executive director. "The changes will enhance accessibility and promote recruitment of new hunters."

The Ontario Hunter Education Program, mandatory for all hunters, covers an extensive range of information including wildlife management, game identification, hunting laws and regulations, and hunter responsibilities. More than one million people have completed the Hunter Education Program since it started in 1957.

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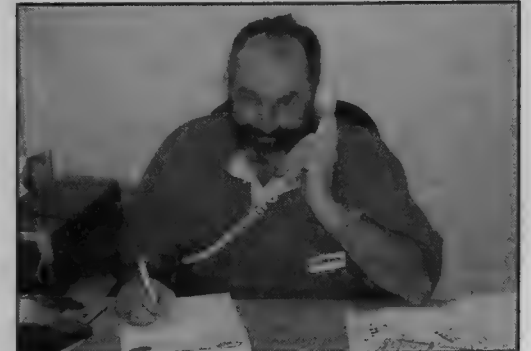
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A B&B Christmas

Bed and Breakfast owners opened their doors to raise money for local food banks



Last weekend, several Bed and Breakfast owners opened their doors to share the Christmas spirit and raise money for the local food banks. More than 100 people took part in the annual tour, delighting in the festive decorations and platefuls of goodies at each of the eight stops. Far left, Christmas is also about joyous music. The Tri-Vocals entertained at Stouffer Mill: Ellie Malcolmson, Chris Archer and Jessie Pflug. Above, local author Michael Barnes was on hand at Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast to sign copies of his books. Left, Don and Jessie Pflug had already dipped into their favourite book of recipes.

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Election sign language

by ROMAN ZAKALUZYNY
Osprey Media Feature

They're sprouting up across the riding like mushrooms after an overnight summer rain.

But it's the middle of winter, and their growth is powered by people instead of nature.

Federal election signs are beginning to grace snow-covered lawns and public spaces across the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

According to the campaign representatives, sign placement is highly strategic, complete with dedicated personnel and advanced planning. When it comes to advertising the brand and the candidate, the groups are quite organized.

Yoli Brown, campaign manager for the NDP's Anne MacDermid, said her party has an assigned "sign captain" who knows the rules and makes final decisions on where the local candidate's signs go in the riding's 10,831 square kilometres.

"We're still working on getting the signs," Brown said. MacDermid, after all, was acclaimed just over a week ago.

But once they're ready, many of them are likely destined for a particular place.

"Our preference is always to go on private lawns, especially if it looks like we're going to get a lot of requests for signs," Brown said. "However, there are some very nice corners that we'd like to put signs up on."

Everyone else, she noted, is putting signs in public spaces so why not the NDP?

"If the Liberals and Conservatives are going to put signs up on public property, we'd like to put some up, too," she said.

"You'd be surprised at how many calls we get asking us 'Where are your signs? How come I don't see any NDP signs here?'"

Just as organized is the local Conservative campaign. Campaign manager Jamie Schmale said Barry Devolin's team is staking them in as fast as they can find the volunteers. It's a race against Old Man Winter, he said.

"We'd like to have as many up as we can before the ground freezes," said Schmale. "And we're trying to get posts tall enough to allow for visibility after the snowplows have gone by. We have stakes that are eight feet high."

Currently, Schmale said, the ground is soft enough to allow for comfortable staking. But with Environment Canada predict-



Election signs are beginning to sprout up on front lawns and public property as Canada prepares for a federal election.

ing one of the coldest Decembers in a while, the various election campaigns might not have much time before the supports start breaking as they're hammered in.

Schmale said his team will be mindful of safety, provincial rules and local bylaws when putting up its 2,600 or so signs on public and private property.

"Private properties are a guaranteed sign of support," he said, "whereas public properties are more to advertise."

"We're following (Ministry of Transportation of Ontario) guidelines for putting up signs (on provincial highways)," he said.

"Obviously, we're not going to block any corners. Under provincial guidelines, you have to go fairly far off the road."

Liberal candidate Greg Walling said his campaign will be seeking to strike a balance.

"We're going to be pretty sensitive to the environment," he said. "We don't want (signs) all over the place. Hopefully, most of them will be at major intersections or at people's homes. I don't think you'll see us

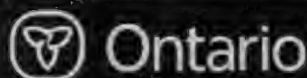
putting up a whole bunch of signs unnecessarily."

Still, Walling said getting the message to the public is a must in all campaigns.

"We recognize it's a competitive election, and we want our name to get out there since we're not an incumbent and we need to increase our name recognition. But I think our primary focus will be on not creating a whole bunch of pollution in the pretty constituency of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock."

Like the NDP, the Tory campaign also has a dedicated "sign chair," Schmale said. That person is responsible for knowing the various bylaws on the books in the eight municipalities that make up the riding, Schmale said.

In the case of Kawartha Lakes, the largest municipality in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, the situation is further complicated by the fact that it has not yet consolidated pre-2001 sign bylaws. More than a dozen separate bylaws are still on the books in the various pre-amalgamation municipalities.



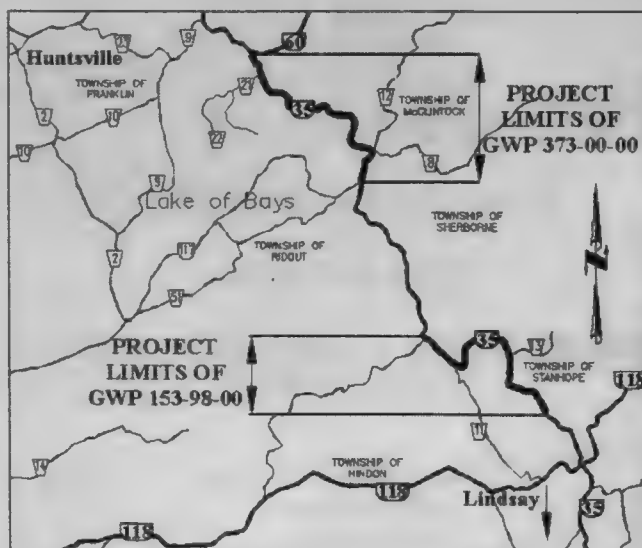
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Senior residents remember
Betty Emslie

Here it is, time for Senior League and another month of Hyland Crest news! What a nasty day today, lots of snow this morning is keeping visitors off the road, and we are lucky to be warm and safe not having to go out.

We're sure that all of you are very busy getting ready for the holiday season. We remember the hustle and bustle that comes with this season. We don't hustle and bustle anymore but we know our staff and volunteers do. It takes a lot of work to provide us with our festive surroundings and plan our special activities at this time of year and we appreciate it.

Over the last month we've enjoyed quite a few things. Our ever-faithful Pub Night crew have been here to entertain us. The Norland Hillbillies, Down Memory Lane, Gord Kidd, and the Uptons really do a fabulous job and we so love to listen and dance to the music they bring to us. The Hot Flashes were here Friday night and they did a great job of putting us in the Christmas spirit.

We remembered our veterans at our Remembrance Day Service on November 11. Don Holden, Frank Young, Edna Trumbull are our veterans who attended and they participated along with the Legion who brought us a very meaningful service.

Our Tea Parties this month were hosted by Hunter Creek Estates, the Minden Health Care Ladies Auxiliary, and the Minden Legion. As always they do a wonderful job and the treats they bring to us are always mouth-watering.

The Highland Twirlers were here one Thursday afternoon and we joined our friends from the VON Adult Day Center to watch them. Their outfits are so colourful and we love seeing them twirl and dance around the room.

This month also brought the Highland Concert Band to their instruments and bringing their talents for all of us to enjoy.

We love playing a game of cards every Wednesday afternoon thanks to Pearl who is here to lend a hand. (Euchre hand that is!) Mary Goldsmith, Marvel Eager, Cecil Smith, Betty Sawyer, and Blanche MacIntosh are



always ready to get together and see what the cards will bring. Thank you Pearl.

Silverts were here this month to allow us to do some much needed shopping. Many of us were able to come and browse without the trouble of leaving the building. Lilian Harrison, Doris Kennett, Margaret Besse, and Blanche Wright were among the many who were able to do some shopping.

Our Movie of the Month was Don Messer's Jubilee and was hosted by Wendy Connelly and Ann Walker. What a great time we had and the room was packed. Thank you Wendy and Ann for organizing this event.

Our Men's Club this month were really spoiled with steak and ribs on the menu and boy was it good. Our men sure love getting together for this program.

While lots of us are enjoying a game of bingo on a Saturday morning, some of us are participating in "reminisce". Gladys Sedgwick, Carmel Emmerson, Dolly Aishford, Margaret Foote, Mildred Gartshore, and Muriel Welch have fun remembering the "good old days" and the old sayings. Gladys always remembers "Birds of a feather, flock together", and Carmel is really good at remembering such phrases as "out of sight, out of mind". We have lots of fun with this game and love playing it.

Saturday afternoons are also something we all look forward to because it always means ice cream. Whether it's ice cream floats, shakes, or just plain old cones it's something we all remember and love. Our craft ladies are getting us ready for Christmas by decorating Christmas placemats to put on our tables in the dining room on Christmas day.

Joan Kernohan, Betty Sawyer, Lilian Harrison, Reita Hughes, along with our volunteers Barb and Fern meet every Tuesday afternoon to show their talents and the end result is always dazzling.

Gladys Wruth, Doris Kennett, Betty Sawyer, Elli Boehm, Reita Hughes, Joan Kernohan, and Lilian Harrison rode in the bus in the Minden Santa Claus Parade on Saturday. The Rotary Club of Minden donated

the bus for us to ride in and it was really fun waving to those we recognized and even to those we didn't. Thank you Haley for riding with us and Donna for doing a great job driving the bus. It was so nice to get out and enjoy the fresh air.

We were very saddened by the loss of Betty Emslie. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends at this time.

We would like to welcome Reita Hughes and Gord Jones to our home and hope you enjoy it here with us.

Well folks, that about wraps up this month's column, we would like to share this poem with you as Christmas will soon be upon us and it is such a wonderful holiday of love and peace:

It's Coming Christmastime

When you feel that bit of
friendliness
Where before it wasn't found,
When you see a warmth
within a smile
Where once there was a
frown,
You know at once it's almost
here,
It reflects in song and rhyme,
And love is felt throughout
the world:
It's coming Christmastime.

When you're shoved and
jostled in a crowd
And your patience grows
quite thin,
Someone might whisper,
"Pardon me,"
And you'll feel that glow

again.

There's something magic
happening,
No mistaking in the sign;
When folks begin to love
again,
It's coming Christmastime.

You'd love to give to every-
one
No matter what the cost.
You think of all the friends
you've made
And regret the one's you've
lost.

The wind is cold against your
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Garden of Eden just down the road

Stouffers Mill home to 16-foot tall tree

Fortunately for those of us who live in Stanhope or have cottages here, we don't have to think about how to get away from the rat race on weekends. That's not to say though, that we don't appreciate the sights and local wonders that tourists from the cities love to soak up. Last weekend provided an opportunity for everyone to explore one of those local treasures, one that has become well known in the last decade.

The Haliburton Bed and Breakfast Tour drew many people to The Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast Getaway at Halls Lake. Don and Jessie Pflug's traditional Christmas decorations and their

unique home served as a background for the beautiful and exquisite crafts sold by local artisans such as Kathryn Jarvis, Susan and Michael Butts and Heather Smith. Ruth Wagner, a friend from Kitchener, always comes up for the tour to sell a few items but also to spend a weekend with her friends, the Pflugs. Live musical interludes were provided by the Brass Highlands Quintet which also accompanied the Tri-Vocals — Melissa Stevens, Elly Malcomson and Chris Archer. This helped to set the Christmas scene, as did the special treats to nibble on and the mulled cranberry juice.



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Opening up their home to the bed and breakfast tour allowed the Pflugs to raise \$660 dollars for the local food bank. In all, \$2000 was raised by the seven B&B's on the tour, all decorated lavishly for the season.

How many places can boast that they have a 16 foot high indoor Christmas tree with 2600 lights on it? It's the 17th tree they've had since they moved here. The Mill is a unique structure with rooms on three levels, the top one containing a guest hot tub and a 360 degree wraparound view of peaceful forests and of Halls Lake.

Don says, "Stouffer's Mill has become a place for groups of friends to book getaways over the years. What do they do? It depends on the time of year but in the winter, they eat Jessie's wonderful food, wander the 106-acre property or play cards — anything that allows them to enjoy time together and appreciate the tranquility induced by the outdoors in the Highlands. The ski trails at the Frost Centre are a popular attraction for those up to the challenge, although the 5.5 km of trails on our property get well traveled. We provide snowshoes, so getting out and working of our four-course breakfast is easy."

One of the main attractions in the 136-acre hardwood forest, is the 10-acre beaver pond. An abundance of wildlife, including moose, deer, bears, foxes, ducks, geese, blue herons and turtles can

be viewed along with the beavers. Two beaver dams and five lodges attest to the prowess of nature's little engineers. The lodges are built on different levels, taking into account the flow and levels of the water. "In the winter, the beavers punch a whole in the dam so that the water does not overflow it and in the spring, after the rains, they close up the hole. They often move around, but you can view which lodge they are using because there is very little snow on top due to the heat of their bodies," says Pflug. "If a beaver is swimming by and he sees or hears someone, he slaps his tail to warn the others and then dives under the water." Sightings are not as frequent in the winter when the pond freezes over, but guests get to snowshoe on the pond then.

Another attraction is the different wildflowers and foliage that grow around the beaver pond, one of which is wintergreen. You can chew the leaves which taste just like wintergreen candies or gum.

Sounds like Stanhope has its own Garden of Eden just off the beaten track.

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The Community Tree Lighting event on Sunday December 4 at 4:30 p.m. beside the Dorset Fire Hall was well attended and enjoyed by all. Paul Greenaway lit the tree on behalf of his father, Lorne Greenaway, the official tree lighter for 2005. Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who helped out and provided free hot dogs and hot chocolate. The weather set the mood – a winter wonderland perfect for carol singing.

Ted Morris and family would like to thank all of their many friends who have helped them in the past fifteen months during Gloria's illness. Your compassion and thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

The Dorset Heritage Museum is once again selling Heritage Calendars – a great Christmas present. You can pick one up at Robinson's Store, the Dorset Recreation Centre, The Dorset Township office on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or call 705-766-2814. They cost \$10.

The Dorset Volunteer Fire Department and Dorset Lions Club are once again teaming together to do a Christmas Toy and Food Drive for the Salvation Army. The drive takes place on Wednesday, December 7 with vehicles departing from the fire hall at 6:30 p.m. Routes include Hwy 117 to Long Line Lake Road including Baxter Road and Marine Road, Paint Lake to Inawandawin Road, Bellwood Acres Road, South Kawagama Lake Road including McComb, Bernaba and Wolf Circle, Kawagama Lake Road to Old Mill Marina including Trading Bay Drive and Hollow Valley, the Hamlet of Dorset including McLennan Drive, Harvey Avenue, Nordic Inn Drive to Rabbit Bay Drive, County Road 12 to Camp Bay Road and Hwy 35 south to Asbury Lane.

Please leave a porch light on or signal by flashing a light. If you are unsure you are on a route, call Clint MacKay at 766-2249 or Dan Parniak at 766-0981. The vehicles will be identified by flashing red lights on the fire trucks or flashing green lights on other vehicles. Contributions can also be left at the Algonquin Highlands Township Dorset Office, Dorset Tim-B Mart, Robinson's General Store and Tower Hill Marine. Thank you for your support.

The Third Annual Dorset Community Christmas Concert with the Muskoka Men of Song takes place Saturday 10 December at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. This is an evening of entertainment, community singing and refreshments which is sponsored by the churches of Dorset. Tickets are \$8 and are available from church members or at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

The snow and cold, perfect for a Christmas tree lighting and carolling, only encouraged those in the audience to sing louder than before (top). While the adults sang, children (at left) played in the powdery snow at the base of the illuminated tree. Photos by Bryn Weese.



Dorset Library Story Time takes place on Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to this family friendly event. For more information, contact the library at 705-766-9969 during library hours, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

There will be a Foot Clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, December 14. For more information or to book an appointment, call Ebba Russell at 766-2264.

Dorset Family Movie Night will be featuring "Polar Express" on Friday, December 16 at the Dorset Recreation Centre starting at 7 p.m. Join the fun. For



DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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more information, call 766-9968.

As the Christmas season approaches, consider the Haliburton County Public Library as your source of information for ideas regarding entertaining, decorating, and gift making. There are also traditional Christmas stories and self-help books to help you deal with the stress you may feel at this time of year. Visit your branch this week and don't forget to pick up a book to read just for the pleasure of it. This is one place that won't cost you money this season.

The gymnasium at the Dorset Recreation Centre will be closed the week of December 12 to be refinished. All other areas of the centre will remain open regular operating hours.

Birthday wishes for the week of November 27 to December 10 go out to Matthew Woods, Lynn Quinn, Weldon Tracey, Jacqueline Timbers, Donald McEachern, Gina Baum, Hubert Blais, Bruce Friday, Janeen Byman, Randy Bates and Happy Anniversary to Marg and Charlie Schwab. I hope you enjoy your special day!

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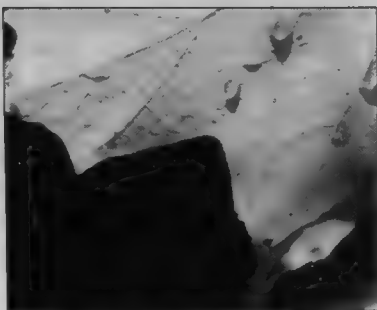
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The County of Haliburton is seeking Proposals for a Landfill and Recycling Site Location Project.

A copy of the Request for Proposals is available for download on the County of Haliburton Website at www.county.haliburton.on.ca by following the links to Municipal Administration and Special Projects.

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'Tis the season for checking another important Christmas list

Expect local water fowl to migrate south earlier due to early freeze of lakes and rivers

by DENNIS BARRY
Special to Times

The 38th annual Christmas bird count takes place on Saturday, December 17. Whether you've been watching birds all your life or are a beginning birder, you are most welcome to join one of the groups counting birds that day. Or you can help

keeping track of birds visiting your yard or neighbourhood.

Every year is different in terms of how many birds choose to spend the winter in Haliburton County. In years when there's a good supply of wild food further north, few "winter" finches may find their way this far south. If the cone crop is poor further north, and poor here as well, finches

may move south during autumn, but not linger in Haliburton. In those rare years, when wild food is abundant here but scarce to the north and west, many birds will stop.

This year the crop of wild seeds is generally poor here and to the north as well. A few trees of any one species produced seeds, but most have none.

The number of birds visiting your feeders may increase when wild food is scarce. You may get the impression that there are lots of birds around, but there may be very few birds out in the woods away from feeders.

This year there are a few winter finches of most species around. Evening and pine grosbeaks, common redpolls and goldfinches and white-winged crossbills have been reported. Most purple finches have moved south and pine siskins seem to have moved on also. People with niger feeders are reporting large numbers of goldfinches, and will likely see increasing numbers of redpolls as well.

There was a major southward migration of blue jays in September, so numbers here will be less than last year, although certain feeders may attract fairly large numbers. Black capped chickadees and red-breasted nuthatches also moved south in large numbers, and hairy woodpeckers have been showing up at feeders to the south.

Water flow in rivers and streams is less

than normal, which will mean that lakes and rivers will freeze over faster, forcing waterfowl to move south sooner. Gull Lake is the last lake in the count circle to freeze, so common loons remain and other waterfowl concentrate there as other smaller bodies of water become unavailable. Gull River through Minden is usually open due to water fluctuations from power generation upstream. One or two male belted kingfishers usually remain on the river.

The count circle is fifteen miles across. It extends from Kinmount and Moore Falls in the south to Mountain Lake in the north, from Bob Lake in the west to Lochlin and Ingoldsby in the east.

Contact Ed or Thom as soon as possible to join a group on December 17.

To report birds at your feeder, phone 286-1189 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on December 17, or phone Ed or Thom on December 18. Or you can e-mail your results to Dennis or mail them to Dennis Barry, 338 Crystal Beach Blvd. Whitby, ON L1N 9Z7.

Other contact info:

Ed Poropat call 457-3018 edporopat@hal-hinet.on.ca

Thom Lambert call 457-9110

singing.dog@sympatico.ca

Dennis Barry call 905-725-2116

dbarry@interlinks.net



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Above: Volunteer bird counter Ed Poropat adds another bird to his list early in the morning.

Right: Poropat scans the trees in the Ingoldsby area, looking for birds to add to the count and possibly to discover any new species. Volunteers like Poropat spend many hours scanning the tree lines and skies. The dedicated volunteers who come out every year can use more volunteers to assist in this important research.



Minden and area was left all wet and cold in November

Special to Times

This is a summary of weather for the Minden & Area for November 2005

Average High: 6.4C, 43.5F

Average Low: 0.6C, 33.0F

Average for the month: 3.5C, 38.3F

Average for last November: 1.4C, 34.5F

Highest Temperature November 3: 16.5C, 61.7F

Lowest Temperature November 25: -19.0C, -2.2F

Rain: 149.4 mm, 5.8 inches

Snow: 20.0 cm, 7.8 inches

Total Precipitation: 169.4 mm, 6.6 inches

Total Precip. for last November: 64.6 mm, 2.5 inches

Snow on ground Nov. 30: 0.0

Total snowfall Nov. 1 to Nov. 30: 20.0 cm, 7.8 inches

Days mostly sunny: 7

Days with Snow or Rain: 18

Days with Thunder Storms: 2

Days with freezing rain: 0

We had very pleasant months during summer and fall but November was not one of them. We had the works

this month.

First we had a lot of wind, from this we had several snow falls and two heavy rain storms, resulting in above average precipitation.

Snow storms Nov. 17 and 18, also Nov. 24. Rain storms Nov. 28 and 29 resulted in over 2 inches of rain alone. Add to this, a couple of thunder storms! The month was on the average slightly warmer than last November. Hope for good weather conditions for Christmas, and New Years.

Have a Happy Holidays and visits.

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It broke my heart to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of me went with you
The day God called you home.
They say memories are Golden
Well maybe that is true
But I never wanted memories
I only wanted you.
Forever loved, Neil.

BURK, NORMA - In loving
memory of Norma Burk who left
us Dec. 6, 2003.
None knew her but to love her
None named her but in praise
Her memory a daily thought.
Dave and Kathy.

BURK, NORMA - You're
always in our hearts. In memory
of Norma Burk, December 6,
2003.
Your life on this earth seemed
so short,
For those you left behind.
We had no control; it was in
God's court,
As he took you from the line.
You touched our heart in so
many ways,
And kept us close to you.
We smile, we cry, we remember
days,
And wish you were here too.
We miss your love and laugh-
ter, as you gave it to the end.
You were the best wife, mother,
sister, nana, and a friend.
I am trying hard to fill your role
and look after those you love,
But sometime it takes its toll,
As I look to you above.
Life does go on, so were told
And yes we know its true,
Forgive us for being bold,
Cause all we feel is blue.
We know you're in a better
place
Free from all suffering and pain.
Before we sleep, we picture
your face and
Cry whenever it rains.
We know someday we will meet
again
And no, there will be no other
To take your place in this world
As special as our mother.
We love you and we will take
care of each other,
Until we meet again.
Love your kids **Toad & Lee,**
Newfer & Tracy, Abby &
Chad. And your Grandsons
Aaron, Andi, Jaxon, Maddy,
Brady - We love you and miss
you Nana.
CA

450 IN MEMORIAM

JOHNSTON, GLEN MICHAEL
- In loving memory of a dear
son and brother who was taken
from us Dec. 5, 1989.
So many sleepless nights
So many lonely days
It seems like only yesterday
God called my dear Glen away
I know that special angels are
sometime hard to find.
But I keep on asking why,
another child of mine.
Our loss again, was heavens
gain
So sadly missed, till we meet
again.
Mom, Brother and Sisters.
Dear friend of Scott.

MCDONALD, ROY - Who
passed on Dec. 10, 2001.
Though his smile is gone forev-
er
And his hand we cannot touch.
Still we have so many memo-
ries
Of the one we loved so much,
His memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has him in His keeping,
We have him in our hearts.
Love Verna & Family.

SEDGWICK, W.M. - August
29, 1931 - Dec. 11, 2004.
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All persons having claims against the Estate of **JOHN "Jack" WILLIAM BERRY**, late of the Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 19th day of October, 2005, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 12th day of January, 2006, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustees then shall have notice. DATED at Peterborough, this 24th day of November, 2005. Estate Trustee of the Estate of **JOHN "Jack" WILLIAM BERRY**, by solicitor, William H. Fox Barrister & Solicitor, Box 2380, Suite 400, 140 King St., 4th Floor. J.J. Turner Building. Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7Y8 (705) 743-2300 (Fax) 743-9932 williamfox@bellnet.ca

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the Estate of **FRANCIS THOMAS WALKER, deceased**. All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of **FRANCIS THOMAS WALKER**, late of the Township of Snowdon, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 16th day of September, 2005, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned Solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 10th day of December, 2005. AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate, being Fraser A. Rogers, shall have notice. DATED at HALIBURTON, Ontario this 8th day of November, 2005 by **BISHOP AND ROGERS**, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0, Solicitors for the Executor of the Estate of Francis Thomas Walker.

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In loving memory of Eleanor Ann Smith

Passed away peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Saturday November 26, 2005, after a long & courageous struggle with cancer.

Dearly beloved wife of Glen. Cherished mother of Lee Ann (Ed), Steven and Peter (P.J.).

Loving grandmother of Corina & Madeline. Lovingly remembered by many nieces & nephews & great nephews & nieces.

Special sister of Joan Johnston, Thomas Mitchell & Isa Syme. Predeceased by siblings Jack, Bob & Don Mitchell.

Eleanor enjoyed life at Haliburton Lake & was a member of F.I.R.A., the Haliburton Curling Club & the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129.

Visitation was held on Monday, November 28, 2005

Service to be held at the chapel, HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at 11:00am.

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- Dec. 1:** Come out to The Minden Cultural Centre at 7 p.m. to take part in an oral history evening entitled "I Remember When". The Minden Museum is working on its current publication, a collection of memories of the past. It will be compiled and written by Lance Aggett in 2006. The evening will allow people to reminisce and present their stories on tape to be included by Lance in his publication. It's your chance to go down in history.
- Dec. 1:** Ladies Fellowship (formerly L.I.F.T.) - Thurs., Dec. 1, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the West Guilford Community Centre. Theme: Joy to the World. Speaker: Judy Tomlinson-Ross. Feature: Fabric Art by Jane Selbie. Please bring 1/2 doz. of your Christmas baking and an unwrapped toy for the 4Cs. For info call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- Dec. 2:** Christmas Luncheon, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Minden, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bake Sale and more. Preschoolers Free.
- Dec. 2 - 20:** Hands of Haliburton Christmas Show & Sale - Unique one of a kind hand-crafted Christmas gift ideas. Fine art, and fine craft exhibited for show and sale at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Opening Reception Sat., Dec. 3, 1-3 p.m. Come join us for a cup of hot apple cider and baked goodies while viewing the show & sale. Weekly winnings tickets now on sale, contact the gallery for more info, 457-2330.
- Dec. 3:** Christmas Craft Sale & Lunch at Lloyd Watson Centre on Sat., Dec. 3, 9 to 3. Sponsored by Wilberforce Heritage Guild.
- Dec. 3:** Memorial Mass for deceased members of Knights of Columbus at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, 27 Victoria St. at 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 3:** Gallery of Gifts opens in the Art Room of the Bobcaygeon Library. The show will be open Tues. to Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A great shopping experience featuring local artisans with unique gift ideas. More info call Barb at 738-9482. A fund-raiser for the Boyd Heritage Museum.
- Dec. 3:** Peaceful & Inspirational Songs by Sarah Kyle & Friends. Sarah Kyle comes to sing from her new CD "Simple Gifts". She has performed recitals in concert halls throughout Europe, Canada and the United States. She has been a guest to the Vatican and a soloist for the Billy Graham Mission. Pope John Paul II says: "Sarah has a voice that soothes souls". Billy Graham says: "...when Sarah Kyle sings we know the angels are near". In concert at the Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Sat., Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m. For further information call Jody Curry at 457-3771 or Barb Smith at 457-3996.
- Dec. 3 & 4:** Christmas Tour of Haliburton Highlands Bed & Breakfasts. Tour 7 B&Bs decorated for the Holiday Season, many featuring local artists and Moon Shadows Estate Winery, Ontario's first Maple Winery. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tour buttons & guide. Proceeds to local food banks. For more info and cost, call 754-1324.
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- Dec. 6:** Christmas Luncheon at the Dominion Hotel, Minden. Join Community Care for a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by Chef Thompson. Community. Call 457-2941 or drop in to Community Care. Seating is limited.
- Dec. 6:** The Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle invites you to its second annual "A Writers' Christmas" held at the Pepper Mill Restaurant in Carnarvon. Cocktails at 6 p.m., buffet dinner around 7:00 p.m. After dinner, people are invited to present their works on the season's themes. The restaurant is closed to the general public at evening. Call Kay Millard at 286-6636 for tickets or for further info. Advanced ticket sales only.
- Dec. 7:** Join Community Care and Wheels to Meals for lunch at Win Yeung's Restaurant, Haliburton. Wheels to Meals is a program whereby seniors or adults with disabilities get out and eat, meet and have fun over a delicious luncheon. Call Aileen to make your reservations or to find out more about this lunch, 457-3375.
- Dec. 8:** CFUW Haliburton will meet on Thurs. at 7 p.m. at Fleming College for our Annual Christmas Social evening. Please bring a fun "nibbles", and something for the Silent Auction. ("Re-gifting" very acceptable!).
- Dec. 8:** Outpost Historic House Museum - Christmas Open House. Thurs. Dec. 8, 1:30 - 4 and 7 to 9. Refreshments. Natural decorations.
- Dec. 8:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden - Well Baby Drop-In will be held on Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. Have your baby weighed and measured, receive breastfeeding support, and information about growth and development. Brought to you by HKPR District Health Unit. Call 286-1770.
- Dec. 9:** Join Community Care and Wheels to Meals at MartinWood in Harcourt. This luncheon begins at 12 noon. If you would like to reserve, please call Eileen Knox at 448-2596.
- Christmas Tea & Social** - Join other Family Caregivers on Wed., Dec. 7 & 21 at 2 p.m. "Case Manor Lagoon Club", Bobcaygeon; Dec. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Kinmount and District Health Centre's lower level.
- Al-Anon Meetings** - Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
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ext. 43

CIRCA 1870 LOG HOME
Totally restored, 200 amp service, new wiring, plumbing, oil furnace & tank, A/C, FR fireplace & thermo windows. Drilled well, 30x50 barn in good condition. 20x40 drive shed. All this on 100 acres. Seller will hold 1st mortgage O.A.C. Call Fred Chapple.

\$339,000



A GREAT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY
Here is your chance to own a home which boasts "old-world charm". 4 bedrooms + lots of room to roam. Has commercial C-1 zoning - start your own home business.

\$124,900



Karen Nimigon
457-1011
ext. 224

MINDEN
Enjoy the charm & comfort of this authentic log home, hand-crafted & constructed from local red pine. You'll love the 2100+ sq foot multi-level floor plan, catering to your families everyday needs. 3 bdrms, 3 baths, large entertaining area, FR, pine kit & w/o bsmt w/1 bdrm apt, nestled on 23 acres. This property also features spring fed pond, perennial gardens, fenced horse paddock, & garage. Whether your needs are an all season home or country retreat the rustic beauty of this log home will charm & enchant you.

\$229,000



Victor Disk
286-2911
ext. 45

IN TOWN MINDEN HOME
Very comfortable 2 bdrm single floor plan home w/garage. Cozy sunroom, fenced backyard with deck, upgraded windows, furnace, oil tank & roof tiles. Ask for Victor Disk.

\$99,900



Tom & Gail Tempest
286-2911
ext. 41

PRIVACY PLUS
1,400 sq ft main floor living space with full finished walkout bsmt. 100 acres, no road noise, wildlife galore. Well built raised bungalow, hardwood and ceramic floors. Wrap around 3 sided porch. Call for all the details.

\$279,000



POST & BEAM ON MINDEN LAKE
Custom built and designed with pine log siding, 3 bdrms, 1-4 pc baths, MF laundry. Lg great room with propane fireplace, many windows, sliding doors to deck overlooking lake.

\$399,000



Vince Duchene
457-1011
ext. 225

NEW LISTING
Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished recroom with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!

\$139,900



Elizabeth Thompson
457-1011
ext. 248

CENTURY FARMHOUSE
Quaint 5 bdrm home located on Hwy #118 across from Green Lake, a 3 lake chain. Great 4 acre retreat property. House has loads of character. Enjoy the breeze & lake view from the front porch swing. Upgrades in recent years. Lge loft area can be made into a studio or master suite. New drilled well in 2002. Reshingled in 1997. Call Elizabeth.

\$219,000



Lenor Fulton & Tracy Akerblade
286-2911
exts. 23 & 46

HORSESHOE LAKE
Parklike setting at Minden Whitewater Preserve. Immaculate 4 bdrm fully insulated Viceroy home/cottage w/155 ft of lakefront. Central heat & vacuum. Airlight stove in sunken living room. Double size garage/workshop. Please call Tracy or Lenor.

\$379,900



100 ACRES WITH BEAVER POND
Why not hunt on your own 100 acres this season? This parcel features a mixed forest with approximately a 25 acre beaver pond w/an abundance of water lilies and 10 acres of low lands.

\$69,000



Ted Vasey
457-1011
ext. 223

INGOLDSBY
Well maintained 1800 sq ft bungalow. Modern oak kitchen w/island, w/o kitchen to rear deck, new cedar bath with Jacuzzi tub, 3 bdrms, main floor laundry & new roof, new drilled well, close to lake access.

NOW \$169,000



BOSHUNG LAKE
Spectacular view from this 3 bdrm cottage. Country kitchen with a lake view, open concept living room, w/o LR to deck, perimeter foundation, modern septic, natural rock lot, Western view.



ASKING \$349,000



Julie Gray & Marilyn Hawley
457-1011
exts. 230 & 237

CANNING LAKE
Enjoy 4 season recreational living in the warmth of this totally winterized chalet located on 5 lake chain. Beautiful, private, well treed lot w/south-east exp. 148' of clean shoreline w/sand beach area and deep water off dock. Slate floor entrance, 3 BR, partial full w/o basement ready to finish. Airlight stove, oil heat, winter water & new septic. Cute bunkie & stone fireplace.

\$529,000



HARBURN ROAD
Beautiful country retreat privately nestled in a 2 acre lot surrounded by hardwood forest just 5 min. from the Village of Haliburton. LR & bedrooms w/lots of windows, hardwood floors in kitchen & DR, main floor laundry, FR w/cedar accents, FP & W/O to large deck. Partial full finished bsmt, dbl attach, garage & screened sun-porch. Call for app't to view.

\$275,000



Melanie Vigrass
286-2911
ext. 40

NEW LISTING
DAVIS LAKE ROAD
Two lots (6.9 acres and 6.1 acres) on year round Township road with hydro at lot line and backing onto crown land. Call Melanie for details.
\$17,500/each

HOME AND ACREAGE
Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 bath Viceroy home set on 29 acres of mixed bush. Features incl. wall-to-wall windows & cathedral ceiling in the living room, FP w/insert, w/o dining room & master bedroom & a partially finished w/o bsmt. Call Melanie for details.

\$179,900



Linda Beachli
457-1011
ext. 227

LOCATION
Prime retail location in downtown Haliburton. Location offers 1,800 sq ft ready for the public and your business, with parking included.

\$275,000



IN TOWN HOME
Imagine the Christmas tree lit in this warm, custom built home with the family together in front of the stone fireplace. 4 bdrms, decks and balconies to enjoy the 21 acres this home is nestled into.

\$469,000



Peter Brady
457-1011
ext. 234

POWER OF SALE
Triplex 2,800 sq ft. Large 2 bdrm main suite, 2-1 bdrm upper suites. Walk-out bsmt could be fourth income. More than one acre. Detached garage.

INVESTMENTS
ONLY \$169,900



HALIBURTON DUPLEX
Great in town rental location. Excellent gross income. 9+%% return. All new finishes.



INVESTMENTS
\$209,900 ONLY